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Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

Education

A concern about the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

Environment

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

Quality of Life

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments



Consumer, Health & Safety

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **CONSUMER**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
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Sundays 5:30 am BUSINESS WEEK
(airs weekly)

DESCRIPTION: Up-to-the-minute reports present an interpretation of each week's business and financial news for the average viewer and summarize the key economic events from around the world that directly affect every consumer in America. (30:00)

April 25, 2004	10pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Open for business. The first sex shop in an upstate city is up and running even though the battle to shut it down continues on. Fox Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports the store opened Monday around 5:30 p.m. Also new, for 90 days no more adult stores are allowed to open while lawmakers work to legally block them for good. The same group of people that will decide whether sex shops can exist in Anderson, opens a meeting in prayer. Most, if not all, are against any type of adult businesses in city limits. Anderson City Councilman Tony Stewart says, "My personal opinion, I do not think it's a pleasing location where it's at now". Stewart is talking specifically about the Greenville-based Pandora's Boxxx. It sells lingerie, sex toys and magazines. The newest store sits close to the Anderson Mall and next to an ice cream shop. That is unacceptable to church leaders against this and any other sex shop. "It's a well documented fact that wherever sexually oriented businesses are there's a great increase in crime toward women and children", says Reverend Elva Martin of the Anderson Prayer Task Force. But some women disagree. Candis Stamps wasted no time getting to the new store as soon as she heard Pandora's Boxxx opened for business. Stamps says, "I think it's ridiculous. I mean people are going to do what they want to do anyway and I don't see anything wrong with that because I'm going into shop and I'm going to ask for a job".

April 26, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Investigators with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office say a group of thieves known as Irish Travelers and Gypsies are ripping off the elderly. The con artists posed as Duke Power employees and stole money from Lillian Waldrop's home. "He came in and said my bill was too high and said that he needed to check my meter. He told me he was going to make me an appointment and be back the next Saturday, but he never showed up," said Waldrop. In another incident con artists asked for money to do yard work, but never completed those projects. There are no arrests yet in these cases.

May 5, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

If your neighbor has a dog or you own a dog we have some important information. Two recent dog attacks, one deadly, has a lot of people wondering if pet laws are being followed. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola sifted through the books and found the laws are pretty clear when it comes to owning a pet. Whether you agree with those laws is another story, but here's what you need to know if you're unsure about the animals in your home or your neighborhood. This all stems from a deadly attack earlier this week when a four year old girl was mauled and killed by two Rottweilers. The parents kept one dog on a chain, the other in a pen. The two dogs were put to sleep for their actions. In Greenville County, a woman was walking her two dogs when a six month old Rottweiler attacked her, sending the woman to the hospital. The Rottweiler named Princess is in state custody until a jury decides what to do with it. The victim, Beth Padgett, says, "I know what its like to see a Rottweiler teeth coming at you. It's not a pretty sight." There are laws in place to control vicious dogs but they are arguably weak. In the counties and cities of Greenville, Spartanburg, and Anderson. The definition of a vicious dog is the same. It's an animal that attacks unprovoked and endangers humans or other pets. So if you own a vicious dog there are guidelines in place. This law is for the City of Greenville, but Spartanburg County's is similar. Pens are supposed to be specific in height with warning signs. Greenville County is a little more lax and it is similar to vicious animal laws for Anderson County your animal is reasonably restrained and can run freely on your property as long as it cannot come in contact with other people or escape the property. If you're unsure about the laws in your area click on the Municipal Code link or call your town, city, or county government.

May 5, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The department of transportation says it will cost taxpayers almost a million dollars for the landscaping on the I-385 median. But it's not just Greenville taxpayers footing the bill and it's not just happening on the I-385 either. On I-385 going from Pleasantburg to I - 85, there's a lot of gardening going on in the most unlikely of places, right in the median. Chris Parker says he just noticed it. "I saw that this morning and I thought that was nice but they should finish the roads before they start the landscaping." But if you're thinking that the one million dollars is coming from Greenville tax payers, you'd be wrong. It's actually a joint effort by the D-O-T, Greenville City, Greenville County, and Federal funding. Plus it's not just the I-385 median, D-O-T says work will be done in the median on Haywood Road and Pleasantburg Drive. The Superintendent of landscaping, Marko Herrera says he he's one of a group of about ten that will work around the clock planting about six hundred trees and eight thousand plants. He says most of the work will be done by the end of May and the end result will make I-385 a beautiful gateway into the city. "It looks spectacular now .. .from all the honks people seem to really like it."

May 10, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTON:

There is a new lollipop out there and its makers say every lick is like taking a hit. Some agree, others are smoking mad. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola unwraps the controversy. The question isn't how many licks 'till you get to the center, it's what's in the center? Nathaniel Johnson, says, "It's kind of sour- and its not bad". "Is it barley grass of some sort"? asks, April Duncan. "Kind of like sour apple maybe", says Johnson. Ethan Rutland, says, "It tastes like weed". Jay Ross, says, "Yeah, pretty similar". "It tastes exactly like marijuana, this is insane", says Wilson Ligon. Locked inside the green shell is the taste and smell of marijuana. But, really it's just a lot of sugar. Johnson, says, "Uh, I would hope my parents aren't watching this and this is a brand new taste to me". The pot pop, created by a company called Chronic Candy, prices the lollipops like a drug deal. An ounce= 80suckers for \$80 dollars. A 20 sack= 12 suckers for \$20. On the street, a pot pop can go for as much as \$6-- a pop. Wilson Ligon, says, "They're funny and amusing". Jay Ross, says, "I cant see anyone eating it. A gag maybe but not a

staple of any kids diet". To satisfy a sweet tooth, children usually eat more traditional candy like dumb-dumbs, and tootsie pops. But popular figures like Paris Hilton and rapper Snoop Dogg have all taking a liking to this candy. To reemphasize, the only high anyone can get from it-- is a sugar high-- its missing the ingredient, known as T.H.C., which makes people intoxicated. The concern, is for children, some say the pot pop encourages them to use drugs.. Johnson says, "Its an illegal substance don't want to lead them down life of crime, addiction on something at a young age". "Personally I have no problem with it but for general public this is not something I would put on the shelves", says Rutland. That we know of, the pot pop isn't available on shelves here in the upstate but it can be purchased online and then resold individually. Probably with a marked up price. In other interviews, the creator of the candy says, they were never meant for children and that the suckers are only meant for adults.

May 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Authorities on the lookout for missing children are expanding their reach -- all the way to your cell phone. The wireless industry is announcing that when an Amber Alert is issued, subscribers can get text messages sent to their phones. The service is available in every state and free to subscribers of most major carriers. The Amber Alert system is used by police to let the public know when a child is missing. The Internet, radio and television stations broadcast the details, which are also flashed on highway signs on major local roadways. Cell phone users who want to help in such situations can designate up to five zip codes. They'd be alerted if a child is reported missing in any of them. About 200 to 250 Amber Alerts are issued each year. Since the system began in 1997, statistics show more than 200 children have been recovered. For more information log onto www.amberalert.org.

May 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Have you ever wondered what makeup is made of? For many, we use makeup on a day-to-day basis. But are these beauty enhancers any good for our bodies? The Food and Drug Administration is vowing to take steps to make sure the ingredients in cosmetics and toiletries are safe. According to the Environmental Working Group (www.ewg.org), many cosmetics contain penetration enhancers that help the product soak into your skin and into the bloodstream. The group also conducted a study using 7,000 personal care products. They say one out of every 120 products contained ingredients known or likely to cause cancer. However, 98% of cosmetics are made of ingredients that haven't yet been evaluated. Right now, the FDA has restricted just 9 out of the 10,000 ingredients used. For more information, you can check out the environmental working group's web site at www.ewg.org It lists thousands of different products and explains whether or not they contain potentially harmful ingredients.

May 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The heat is on already and a lot of families are getting ready to head to the pools this summer to cool off. But just how clean will public pools be? Places like the new Discovery Island Park in Simpsonville will attract tons of kids and families, but with all those children, and all the water, can your kids really be clean and safe? It may actually be cleaner than you think. Public pools will soon be filled with kids cooling down and having fun this summer. Komron Saadati says when it comes to he and his two daughters, "We're planning on coming out to the water park." But before your kids cool down, could they be jumping into unclean water? According to Saadati, "It is a concern, but I'm pleased with what they did at the park and I think they'd keep it the same quality over there." Another parent, Deana Keller says, "I think you're always going to have some type of concern, but you sometimes just have to go, go with it and hope for the best." And "the best" is what Greenville County Recreation District Division Director, Ray Dunham says Discovery Island Park has, "We have the high rate sand filters, we have controllers that are state of the art, the closely monitor the chlorine levels, the PH levels for the proper sanitation." And for the little ones who may have an "accident" in the water? Dunham says, "[Kids] often get distracted and don't want to take time to go to the bathroom themselves, so we strongly encourage that by actually shutting down our play features every two hours or so and

encouraging parents to take the kids to the bathroom." Plus, swim diapers can be bought at the pool and re-used for the entire summer. Life guards are also constantly helping keep things clean. One of the lifeguards, Kayce Massa says, "It's bigger and there's a lot more people here, but for the amount of people, it's a lot cleaner." It's all good news for parents like Keller, "It's nice to know that they're going to keep it clean....I'll definitely go and take her and enjoy the day." Other pools in the district, including Westside Aquatic Center, Northside and Lakeside Pools have also been upgraded to new state of the art equipment to ensure the cleanest and safest place for kids and families while having fun this summer.

May 25, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Memorial Day is near and folks in Anderson, South Carolina are gearing up for one of America's greatest Memorial Day celebrations. The **Freedom Weekend Aloft** offers exciting concerts, skydivers, children activities, and all sorts of other fun activities. Some of the nation's top entertainers like *The Charlie Daniels Band* and Edwin McCain will perform. Plus, there will be plenty of delicious food! Sponsored by Pontiac GMC, the festival will run from Friday, May 27 - May 30. Profits will go to regional and national charities. So why not join the excitement and come on down to the **Freedom Weekend Aloft** this weekend! For a complete list of activities and schedule, just visit www.freedomweekend.org

May 31, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Each year, credit card companies spend more than a **trillion** dollars in solicitations. And for many, getting those in the mailbox can be very annoying. And according to the Better Business Bureau, this flood of mail can also be a passageway to identity theft. But now, there IS a way to stop this madness. The big four-credit reporting agencies have a toll free number and a web site where you can opt-out. By signing up, you can either stop the offers forever...or for the next five years. If you choose to opt-out, the toll free number is 1-888-5-OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688). Or, you can go to their web site at www.optoutprescreen.com

June 2, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Christine Lahser says, "A normal person would deposit the money into the account...I just didn't feel right about it something was off." Christine's gut feeling was right on the money, well lack there of. You see, several days ago she received this check for over \$4,500. The letter read: Deposit this check, send us 60% of the amount within the week, which is about \$2,700, and you'll receive the rest of the million dollars you've just won. But Christina wasn't buying. "Well I've gotten screwed over too many times but I'm getting smarter though." The phone number is a Canadian number, something's wrong." But the company says it's based in Bellevue, Washington and the check comes from San Jose. We did some checking and couldn't find any business called "Global Trust Fund And Financial Services." That's the name on the letter. We also called the number and the person on the receiving end, who called himself Jack Frost, gave FOX the cold shoulder and hung up on us. The BBB says the scam works like this. You deposit the check and wire the company a certain percentage of it within a week. The catch - it's going to take your bank at least ten days to clear the check. Even though the money shows up in your account right away. So by the time that check bounces the money you thought you deposited and the money you sent is gone. Christine says, "You barely have enough money, enough food you can barely pay a light bill." The BBB says most of these scams originate in Canada like this one so it's hard to catch the con artists and even harder to prosecute.

June 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

South Carolinians are now able to get a free copy of their credit report starting. Some say the change that will improve consumers' ability to protect against identity theft. A new federal law allows Americans to get one free credit report a year. The program has been rolled out gradually nationwide this year, and residents of South Carolina and 10 other Southern states can take advantage now. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 requires the three companies tracking consumer credit histories to provide an annual copy of their credit reports on each consumer upon request and to make sure the reports match. The companies are Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Mandy Edwards of the South Carolina Bankers Association says checking credit reports for accuracy is the first line of defense against identity theft.

June 12, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

If you've got a new Nissan Sentra, listen up! Nissan is recalling 49-thousand 2005 Sentra sedans because of concerns over possible fuel leakage. Nissan has told the government that some of the Sentras may have faulty fuel tank vapor hoses that could cause excess fuel to spill onto the ground -- potentially starting a fire. So far, Nissan says there have been no injuries or fires reported. The automaker says 43-thousand of the vehicles were sold in the U-S and the remainder in Canada, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Nissan will begin notifying customers about the recall in August. Dealers will inspect the fuel tank and, if necessary, replace it at no charge.

June 13, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Ford Motor Company is recalling nearly 260,000 vehicles, most of them large pickup trucks, to fix safety defects that include sudden stalling of diesel engines, U.S. federal safety regulators said on Monday. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the stalling problem affected F-Series superduty pickups from the 2004-2005 model years as well as the 2004-2005 Ford Excursion full-size sport utility vehicle and E350 and E450 vans. All 180,104 of those vehicles are equipped with 6.0 liter diesel engines and the recall stems from a potentially faulty fuel injection control module, NHTSA said. Separately, it said Ford was recalling 78,675 superduty pickups and chassis cab vehicles from the 2005 model year because their fuel line may separate from the main fuel bundle. Fuel line separation can cause engine stalling or leakage, possibly resulting in a fire, NHTSA said. It identified the trucks affected by the recall as F-250, F-350, F-450 and F-550 superduty pickups and said they were equipped with 5.4 or 6.8 liter gasoline engines.

June 14, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Parking in the City of Spartanburg could soon be a bit more pricey, that is if you decide to park in a timed parking space and stay longer than you're supposed to. Spartanburg City Council approved the first reading to raise parking fines from five dollars to ten dollars. City Traffic Engineer, Roger Dyar, says the change is designed to allow more traffic in and out of downtown and keep employees who work downtown from occupying parking spaces for extended hours. Some residents say they don't like the idea of paying higher parking fines, but others like Bob Shields say they think it's a good idea, "Sounds good to me, makes more sense than some of the other fees that they've added in recent times." City officials say it costs \$5 to park all day in a parking garage and hope that will encourage downtown employees to do that instead of running the risk of

higher fines. The fine will go for a second reading at the next city council meeting on June 27th. If it is passed, the fines could be increased as soon as July 1st.

June 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The Western North Carolina Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will sponsor a free seminar for military retirees, their spouses and survivors. The seminar, which is titled "Your Benefits and Entitlements – An Information Update", will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2005 beginning at 9:00 AM in the Dining Room of the First Baptist Church at the intersection of I-240 and Charlotte Street in downtown Asheville. The purpose of the seminar is to inform military retirees (officers and enlisted), their spouses and survivors of the most recent changes in survivor benefits, Tricare, and military pay issues. The seminar will also cover proposed changes in legislation which may affect survivor benefits and the military disability system. Time will be allowed for participants to ask questions regarding the subject matter. There is no admission fee and light refreshments will be provided at no charge. Captain W.G. "Bud" Schneeweis, USCG, Ret will be the main speaker. Captain Schneeweis represents the national headquarters of MOAA and is a recognized expert and counselor in the field of federal benefits and entitlements for military retirees. Those desiring to reserve a place at this presentation are requested to contact Doug Haldane at 828 253-9085 or email janddhaldane@worldnet.att.net no later than Tuesday, June 21, 2005.

June 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A recall tonight, that could be deadly if not corrected. Pacemaker company, Guidant, says about 29-thousand of its models may not work right because of design flaws. The company says the pacemakers could short-circuit instead of delivering a potentially life saving shock. So far at least two deaths are blamed on the faulty pacemakers. The devices are: VENTAK PRIZM 2 DR (Model 1861) ICDs manufactured on or before April 16, 2002.; CONTAK RENEWAL (Model H135) and CONTAK RENEWAL 2 (Model H155) CRT-Ds manufactured on or before August 26, 2004.; VENTAK PRIZM AVT, VITALITY AVT, RENEWAL 3 AVT and RENEWAL 4 AVT ICDs (All series numbers).

June 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that almost 900 children under the age of 15 drown every year in pools. Although your child may know how to swim, they say children can see just as easily drown. Dr. Deborah Mulligan says, "Drownings are known as the silent killer. Why, because they happen so quickly." Suzanne Marin taught all her children how to swim but she knows that doesn't necessarily mean pools are safe. She says, "In the back of your mind it is scary." All it takes is for your back to be turned for minutes and lives can be forever changed. Dr. Mulligan says, "Once under water, within two minutes they lose consciousness within 4-6 minutes, there's irreversible brain damage." Marin says, "It's when you're not there is that they're gonna fall in when you're not around." The American Academy of Pediatrics says Marin is right. They say half of all drownings involving children under the age of four happen with the parent just a few feet away. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all pools have - self closing gates with latches that are higher than a child's reach; - a 4 sided fence that separates the house from the pool;- accessible rescue equipment and adults supervising be CPR trained. Marin says even though she follows all these tips, pool season is still a scary time of year. "We have plenty of friends and neighbors that have pool without child safety fences and it drives me crazy because there are so many kids around and you just can't watch them all the time."

June 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

If you think heading to the airport to get out of town is a mistake you may be wrong. There are some amazing travel deals that are right under your nose, right at your computer. Independence Air says when your name is Independence Air, a 4th of July sale comes with the territory and they weren't kidding. Independence Air 4th Of July Sale; -Travel to DC for only \$29 each way -New York only \$49 each way; -Florida only \$79 each way As for hotels Priceline Hotel has some deals that are not pricey at all; - Las Vegas Hotels/ \$89 per night; - Atlanta Hotels/ \$80 per night; - New York Hotels/ \$179 per night And if you're looking to save even more money Travel tips; - Call the Hotel or Car Rental Directly: Real live people are actually more helpful when trying to find a good rate; - Ask About Special Discounts. You may work for a company that can get you a discount or there's a senior citizen discount. The bottom line is you need to ask because they won't offer unless you ask. - Contrast, Compare, Then Haggle. Shop around and tell the hotel what you found. They might match or even beat it.

June 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Sanjay Tellur is on his way to Spartanburg to visit family. He fondly remembers the good old days when gas was actually under a dollar a gallon. "When I make a decision to travel I definitely look at gas prices. When I make a decision to travel I definitely look at gas prices. I remember when I first came to the US like six years ago back it was 80 or 70 cents now it's like more than two dollars. And if Tellur thinks \$2.07 is bad, in Honolulu unleaded regular gas is \$2.46. Mark Kent's SUV gets only 16 miles to the gallon and at over two dollars a gallon, those trips to little league games can really add up. Kent says, "Greenville is not as bad as some parts of the Carolina's I'm thinking my next purchase may be a hybrid. I tell you every time I'm in Georgia gas is 3 - 4 cents cheaper and I fill up when I come back here." And he's not alone Veronica Johnson says she not only shops around for the cheapest gas, she says you've got to be pretty important in her book to fill up on these prices. Johnson says of her granddaughter, "For her it would be but I would think twice about going somewhere else."

Attachments



Crime

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **CRIME**

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Saturdays (airs weekly)	8pm	COPS
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Monday – Friday at 12 midnight

DESCRIPTION: COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (60:00)

Saturdays (airs weekly)	9pm	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Monday – Sunday	10:00 pm	CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED
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DESCRIPTION: The Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

April 24, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

The mysterious disappearance of a Spartanburg teenager is getting some national attention and the missing person's family doesn't mind one bit if it means getting the answers they're looking for. America's Most Wanted, which airs on FOX Carolina, and C.N.N are now working on the case. The attention couldn't come any sooner. Monday will be exactly one month since a 17 year old high school athlete lost all contact with his family. Never has Alex Buckman gone even a few days without talking to his family. Now, 30 days without talking to Alex his sister LaCresha Stanton is growing more impatient. LaCresha says, "The wait for us everyday is the killer". Alex, a running back at Dorman High School is also the father of a seven month old boy, which makes every day that passes that much worse. Everyday LaCresha reminds her nephew who his father is by showing him pictures. "He knows. He kicks laughs. So you want to constantly keep his face as a memory", says LaCresha. With very little facts to go on, LaCresha is sure Ralph Fleming had something to do with her brother's disappearance. Alex reportedly heard the gunshots that killed a man last December. Those gunshots allegedly fired by Flemings' brother. Fleming is also believed the last person to be seen with Alex. LaCresha says, "Maybe somewhere down in there, maybe some good morals that he'll have a conscious and has done something and to give us enough respect as a family for closure and let us know where his body is". Fleming is in jail right now on unrelated charges. But he is considered a person of interest in Alex's disappearance. If you have any information you're asked to call Crime stoppers at 58-CRIME.

April 25, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

It's not the kind of vandalism that happens often. Really big and heavy pieces of construction equipment were damaged or destroyed in Anderson County. Now, investigators want to know who did it. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports whoever did it, probably knew what they were doing. The damage amounts to at least a half million dollars. Still, crews were back on the job Monday promising to finish their construction project on time. The only machine working Monday was the same machine that a vandal or vandals used to create a big headache for Dan Gedenberg. He owns the equipment being used to build homes near T.L. Hanna high school on Vandiver road. Dan says, "I was shocked. I was horrified when I drove over the hill and saw everything tore up and I was horrified how can you not be?" It happened late Friday night but Dan got the call early Saturday when someone reported the damage. Dan took pictures of some of the worst damage. He plans to use them for his insurance claims. "All the hydraulics and the engine is smashed up they had this thing flipped over ...there's holes in the hydraulics tank and you can see the damage on that", says Dan. Even though the suspect or suspects knew what they were doing they were also a little sloppy. Dan tells us detectives were able to lift fingerprints from the scene.

April 28, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Keeping your children safe - things you can do and tell them:

Talk openly with your children about safety, so they understand the need for precautions; Make sure your children really understand these rules; Set up "what if" situations, and ask your children what they would do; Always make sure young children are supervised.; Get to know your children's friends and their families; Make sure your children know your address and phone number; Know your employees. Do background screenings and reference checks on everyone who works at your home.

Tell your children to:

Take a friend along: Older children should always take a friend when they go somewhere; younger children should always be supervised; Run away from danger, and toward someone you trust: If someone is following on foot or in a car, teach your children to run as quickly as they can in a direction opposite from which the stranger is headed, and run to someone they trust. Don't go near the stranger or the car, don't run to where you are alone or separated from friends; If someone tries to take you somewhere: Get away and YELL! Don't be afraid to yell as loud as you can!; If anyone makes you frightened, confused or uncomfortable: Tell an adult you trust right away; Never leave school with someone you don't feel comfortable with: Even if they say it's an emergency. Tell your children to check first with a teacher or school official;

Protecting your home/business when you or your neighbors are gone for the holidays or vacation

Look at your home or business like a burglar would for easy entries into your home, especially unlit areas; Even the best lock won't keep a burglar out if it's installed on a weak door. Make sure your exterior doors are made of metal or solid hardwood and at least 1 3/4" thick. The door frames should also be made of metal or hardwood and fit the door snug and secure' Discourage theft with time-consuming devices that will slow a burglar down. Additional locking devices like dead-bolts, locking gates, bars, pick resistant locks, and alarm stickers in the windows, will make a burglar think twice before attempting to enter. Many burglars will move on to the next target if breaking into your home/business is too risky, "noisy", or time-consuming. Your security systems' decals and lawn signs are an effective deterrent; Make sure expensive items are not visible through windows, such as expensive artwork, stereo equipment, jewelry, computers—even small items like CDs; Never leave a spare key hidden outside (burglars know all the best places); Prepare an inventory of valuables and store it somewhere other than your home, such as in a safe deposit box; Always lock all doors and all windows; Light up your home with well-placed, effective exterior lighting. Make it easy to spot unwelcome visitors with well trimmed hedges, foliage, and trees to minimize dark corners and handy hiding spots; Ensure that your telephone answering machine does not imply that you're not home; Keep sidewalks and driveways free of leaves, snow, etc.; Make sure your security system includes a loud

inside alarm, intrusion detectors at all exterior doors and windows, and interior motion sensors; Report suspicious persons or vehicles to your local police; Make sure that the street number on your home/business is large, well-lighted and unobstructed so emergency personnel can find you quickly; Cut up cartons for TVs, computers, stereos, etc. Tie the pieces together with identifying labels on the inside before putting them out for trash pickup; Have inside lights and a radio or TV on timers; Stop all mail and paper deliveries or arrange for a trusted neighbor to pick them up daily; Let someone know where you are and when you are expected to return; When returning home, have your keys in hand to quickly unlock the door; If you suspect someone has been in the house, leave immediately and call 911 from a cell phone or a neighbor's house; For even more tips visit the web site:
<http://www.crimepreventiontips.org/home-safety.shtml>

May 1, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Almost everyone has heard of it, DNA. Now a federal grant of almost two hundred thousand dollars will go to Spartanburg's cold case division so detectives can use this genetic code as the key to unlock so many unsolved mysteries. Seventeen unsolved murders, plus several rape and missing persons' cases may be given a closer look using DNA testing. This federal grant will also allow cold case detectives to use a private DNA lab for faster results. Some of the unsolved murders so back as far as 1968, and some are from just last year. One of those cold cases is the murder of Samuel Gossett, Ramona Woods' brother. Someone stabbed him to death in his home March of last year. So far all leads have gone cold. Ramona Woods says, "I feel like at this point it's at a standstill and that's why I'm speaking out now." A 911 call led investigators to the body of her brother. Now she wants that caller to make himself known. "Somebody was there when this happened, someone made this 9-1-1 call. Please come forward, not only did this person kill my brother but he killed a part of my family." DNA testing may help unlock someone's secret about her brother's death so she and her family can finally move on. "There is no closure, and we need closure." The grant will also allow investigators to travel out of state to interview former witnesses from time to time as well as compensate more officers assigned to cold cases.

May 4, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Investigators with the Anderson Police Department say a man attacked and sexually assaulted a 12-year-old girl near Anderson County Alternative School. The girl told investigators she was walking home from school when a stranger grabbed her by the neck and dragged her behind a duplex. The girl says after the assault, she begged the man to let her go and he did. Now the girl's mother says she wants the man caught.

May 7, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Investigators say a man was visiting a home on 50 Park Circle in Greenville County when another man shot him in the middle of the street. A witness told Fox that two men were arguing in front of the home when one of them pulled out a gun and shot the other in the stomach. The witness believes the two men did know each other. Deputies say the victim is in stable condition at Greenville Memorial Hospital. Investigators describe the suspect as being a black male, in his 20s, wearing a white shirt, red vest, and blue jeans. Anyone with any information should call 23-Crime.

May 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION: Mother's day is usually a day of celebration with your family but what if one of your family members was missing? Tonight one mother tells Fox all she wants for this mother's day is for her son to finally come home. Seventeen year old Alex Davon Buckman has been missing since March 24th. His family believes someone kidnapped him. His mother Genny says, "I don't believe he just disappeared and don't nobody know nothing, somebody knows something." The Buckman family says it's more than just a coincidence that Davon placed his friend at the scene of a murder and now he's gone. They believe this man, Ralph Fleming, who has since turned himself in on unrelated charges may have wanted to keep Davon quiet. Davon's mother has one message for the people responsible for her son's disappearance. "Let their conscience be their guide and tell me where Davon is at, bring him back to me." But today has been one of the hardest days so far and it's made her realize that every moment with your children truly does count. "I would say to mothers now on mother's day, go hug your son because I never thought in many many years that I would never see my son again." For more information on how you can help the Buckman family, there will be a gathering for him on June 4th at 5pm. It will be held at the New Faith International Church at 197 Boundary Drive in Spartanburg, SC 29305. All donations will go towards a reward for any information that leads his whereabouts.

May 10, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Another victim of domestic violence in the upstate is thankful she's alive. Now, she wants to know why her husband isn't charged with attempted murder. It happened in Greer on North Celestial Drive, but the husband isn't there anymore, he's at the Spartanburg County Jail charged with criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports the wife says that doesn't make sense—if her husband said he was going to kill her and then tried, he should be charged accordingly. Becky Dunlap says, "It was chaos. I still feel like that in my mind. Everything happened so quickly." For 10 years Becky and Gerald Dunlap stuck with each other for better and for worst. But Monday, the worst came to a head. "Mostly emotional distress, belittling. Everything was always a problem, even when I would try and make things better and he just exploded today," says Becky. Becky was outside painting her home when she says her husband lost it. "He came out, he told me I had 30 seconds to live and I was on a the ladder and he pointed it at me and then shot," says Becky. The bullet missed. That's when Becky took off with her dog. Minutes later, her home was surrounded by the Spartanburg County SWAT Team. They managed to tackle Dunlap to the ground. Deputies seized a handful of weapons from the home. Becky says she knew her husband had them but never thought he'd point one at her. Becky says, "I don't know, I guess, ill deal with it later. Its so confusing and upsetting I cant even get it in my mind right now." And even as Becky tries to make sense of her 10 year relationship with her husband and what happened today, she hopes other women in similar situations can dig out of it before something worst happens to them. "This kind of proves ladies treated like this it will happened again and the whole time I thought he wasn't going to do it. I couldn't imagine him doing that," says Becky. The punishment for criminal domestic violence with a high and aggravated nature is 10 years behind bars. 30 years for attempted murder.

May 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Across the upstate this year nearly a hundred meth labs have been discovered and raided by police. Some of the most helpless victims of meth are the most loyal, family pets. In South Carolina and across the country more and more of them are turning up where they shouldn't- in make-shift meth labs. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports about one of the most extreme cases in the Carolinas. In March, fifty dogs were rescued from a home in Anderson County. Investigators quickly responded to a home made meth lab. Senior Investigator Everett Hazel of Anderson County says, "It's usually what we call mom and pop labs. Individuals making meth for themselves...maybe selling a little bit of it...but they're not making mass quantities of it." Inside the home were toxic, corrosive chemicals. Chemicals those are bad for people and sometimes worse for pets. All of the pets were rushed to animal control. Once they got a clean bill of health most were adopted out. Fortunately they escaped the dangerous side effects of meth most people who use it experience. Besides the physical effects, there is also increased, repeated activity, loss of appetite and violent behavior. Lindley Pursley, DMV at the Barkingham Palace on Butler Road, says, "Animals are sensitive to it and what will happen is they'll show signs of exposure." Family pets are now being

called the new victims of meth. It's something new to investigators and experienced veterinarians like Lindley Pursley. He's yet to treat an animal exposed to meth but says the effects are the same. "They'll show signs of exposure if it's exposed to skin, substance in carpet..they'll start to itch and possibly lose hair," says Pursley. Other drugs that are just as dangerous include the club drug ecstasy, which also contains meth and is just as dangerous for pets. Pursley says, "It's a stimulant it's going to cause an elevation of body temperature, elevation of heart rate, excitement, seizures, and then death in ultimate cases." Listed on the left (in the Associated Links box) are some links to help identify the signs of meth and how to report suspected meth labs.

May 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The victim is 73-years-old. She's brave enough to talk openly about what happened, but since the people responsible haven't been caught, we're not revealing who she is. It was just before 6:30pm on Saturday when the doorbell rang at the woman's Seigle Drive home in Inman. She says "when I went to the door there was two boys standing there and a little girl sitting in a chair." The woman says they stood just outside of her screened door, and asked to use her phone because their car had broken down. "I looked at them and I thought well they don't look like they'd be mean and I didn't know what to do," she says. So she let them in, and that's when she says her nightmare began. The 2-men came inside, but instead of using the phone -- they made other demands. "[One of the men] jerked [the cord] out of the phone ... and comes towards me and says gimme the key we're taking your car, you got any money?" Then she says one of the men used the phone cord to tie her up. "He comes and puts me on my stomach and puts my hands behind me trying to tie em." She says then she was dragged into the next room .and tied her to a chair. "He put it around and he kept pulling trying to tighten it ... oh Lord I was screaming and crying til I couldn't even stand it I felt like." Now, this woman hopes to keep her trust in people, the next time someone who's really in need, asks for help. "You don't know what to do and yet you don't want to refuse to help them if you can because I'd want them to help me ... so its hard not to," she says. The woman was able to get herself untied and call 911. Investigators say they do have some strong leads.

May 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Anderson Police believe William Geer beat to death his girlfriend thirty-seven year old Polly Walters. They say Geer dragged Walters' body across the street from his home during the wee hours of the morning Tuesday. A 9-1-1 call this morning led investigators to the body. Police found Walters under the air conditioning unit of a business at South main and Marie Streets.

May 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

An auto theft gets way out of hand in Greenville County and two people are lucky to be alive. Two others are wanted by police and they are considered armed and dangerous after attacking a police officer and holding a woman at gunpoint. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports it all started at a home on Main Street in Downtown Greenville. While most of us were sleeping investigators say two men were busy stealing Chuck Dipple's Chevy Suburban. Dipple realized it was gone after getting a cup of morning coffee. Chuck Dipple says, "I started out the door and realized my car wasn't in the driveway and it was kind of dejavu because the same thing happened a year ago". The two thieves had a good taste in rides but what they didn't count on was a little antenna that acts like a homing device to Onstar., a vehicle safety and computer system. It tracked the thieves to a home in Fountain Inn. "They took my personalized license plate off and switched it with this evidently in Fountain Inn", says Dipple. Fountain Inn police responded to Onstar's alert. That's when police say the thieves turned violent and tried to run over an officer. The two ended up at Roper Mountain and Feaster Roads, where they forced a woman out of her car at gunpoint and took off with it. Dipple says, "I think they need to lock them up for a long time". To add insult to injury, inside

the suburban, not just hundreds of dollars worth of sound equipment, but also hundreds of dollars worth of champagne for a charity event this weekend. "I've had to reorder champagne but I've got good connections so it's going to happen. The fundraiser is still going on Sunday at 12:00", says Dipple. Fountain Inn police are looking for 22 year old Matthew Budney. The other suspect is a white man, between 5'11 and 6'1, 180lbs, in his early 20's and has short dark hair. The vehicle they were last seen in is a blue 2002 Firebird with South Carolina license plate#: 700-JHX.

May 19, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

South Carolina has the third highest number of domestic violence cases in the country. Tonight Fox spoke to one of the many battered women in our area. She says her inability to leave her abuser nearly cost her, her life. We call her "Jane". She asked that we not show her face out of fear for her safety. Her ear grazed by a bullet that first went through her cheek. She says she's scared her boyfriend will come back to finish what he started. "He's been to jail, he's been on probation, did some time. I guess he ain't ever gonna change." Deputies are still looking for twenty-six year old Leroy "Toby" Foster. He's accused of shooting "Jane" in the face two days ago during an argument over another woman. But this isn't the first time Foster's faced criminal domestic violence charges. Records show he's been arrested eight different times since 1987 for beating "Jane" and even his own mother. "Jane" says she and Foster were together for seven years. She thought they'd be together forever, that's why she said it was so hard to leave him. "It's easier said than done. Everybody can say what they would've probably did but when it comes down to you, it's a different story." Now she hopes that all battered women will learn from her mistake. "In the beginning just try to get out while you can cause it ain't never gonna end, just escalate more." Foster was last seen driving a mid to late 90's White Buick Roadmaster. Anyone with any information should call Crimestoppers at 58-Crime.

MAY 21, 2005 10:00PM The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPITON:

Deputies need your help finding, Barney Sherlock. He's believed to be responsible for a string of robberies across the upstate. Eura Wilson is one of the many people deputies believe have been robbed by Sherlock and his men. A few days ago, Eura says a man came to her home claiming to work for Duke Power. Investigators think that man is Barney Sherlock. Eura says he convinced her to check out some power lines in the back of her home. She says the next thing she knew her safe was gone. Detectives believe Sherlock distracted her so others could rob her. The thieves got away with Eura's personal documents, some change, and most of all her sense of security. Authorities believe Sherlock's crew is not only behind several robberies in Spartanburg county, where one stolen safe contained more than fifteen thousand dollars inside, but also robberies in Cherokee and Union counties. Eura's lived this home for almost 50 years, but now she's afraid to even open her own door. Sherlock is wanted on charges of safecracking, first degree burglary, and grand larceny. He was last seen driving a white truck. Anyone with any information should call Crimestoppers at 58-Crime.

June 3, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The family of an Alabama teen-ager missing in Aruba is promising to reward anyone who brings her safely to a police station or hospital. Eighteen-year-old Natalee Holloway has been missing since Monday. And her mother says she's not leaving the island without her. Authorities say they have questioned and released three Aruban students. The students said they dropped Holloway off early Monday at the Holiday Inn where she had been staying. Friends say they saw Holloway getting into a vehicle outside a nightclub very early on the last morning of a high school trip.

June 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A Campobello teen is accused of raping one neighbor's dog and another neighbor's two little girls. Now the dog has died and charges against the teen have been upgraded. After receiving word that the dog died possibly because of the rape. Fox Carolina called the Solicitor's office to see if now new charges would be filed against the teen. An hour later Solicitor Trey Gowdy called to say that the charges will be upgraded to the "most serious animal cruelty charges they have on the books." The dog's owner Sylvia Jones says, "At first when it happened, I couldn't eat or sleep every morning I'm waking up thinking Princess is there but she's not. Princess's little dog house is empty now. Sylvia Jones says she died of internal bleeding this past Sunday because of the rape. "The vet told me she had a little blood in her urine and that she was bleeding inside." Sylvia says she and her husband would not have believed Cory Williamson raped Princess exactly two weeks to the day she died had they not seen it with their own eyes. "When I got here we were laying on the deck looking at him and he had his pants down and he was doing sexual activity with the dog like a man would do to a woman." The Jones family says Princess wouldn't eat or play anymore after the attack. "She (Princess) couldn't even sit down, her bottom was swollen sore." Sylvia says she knows Princess was just a dog, but she wants people to know that Princess was also a part of her family. A family that now has been forever changed. "She looked so pitiful. It's sad, there was nothing I could do for her." Neighbors worry that if Williamson is accused of raping a dog and molesting two girls in the same neighborhood, who knows what might happen next. Neighbor Bill Johnson says, "As a community we shouldn't have to watch our kids every second they're playing. We want him out of this neighborhood." The Solicitor's office says it wants to make sure Williamson is out of this neighborhood while he's awaiting trial on the molestation and dog rape charges so they are requesting that his bond be revoked. Williamson's bond hearing will be held next Friday.

June 10, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

People who live in who live in the community in the south end of Anderson County say once night falls this quiet small town street turns in a problem you'd only expect in a big city - prostitution. Several people told us at one point there was a prostitute on every corner, one parked with a john down every street. Gladys Foster says, "They were up and down this street continuously, they used to flag cars down and jump in the car." Deputies say this rundown mill on Hall Street is where some prostitutes conduct their business. Teenager Nicole Martin say the prostitution problem here makes you think twice about even walking down the street. Fed up neighbors organized a crime watch they say deputies are working closely with them to help run off the street walkers.

June 11, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Spartanburg County investigators are looking for a gunman who robbed two Li'l Cricket Food Stores in less than 15 minutes early Sunday morning. Investigators say the victims at both stores gave similar descriptions of the robber: 5'5" to 5-8" tall, in his 20's with a tattoo on the left side of his neck. One customer we spoke to said she fears being caught in a crossfire if there is another robbery, but another customer said he plans to continue shopping. If you have any information about these crimes, please call Crimestoppers in Spartanburg at 58-CRIME.

June 10, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Thousands of shoppers walk in and out of Haywood Mall in Greenville everyday. "It's a cool place to hang out with your friends and shop and just have fun," said Katie Ransbottom. She is 15 years old and says her friends hang out at the mall at least once a week and her sister usually drives. "Most of the time when we're walking out of the store she gets her keys in her hand and she goes to the car," commented Ransbottom. However, before one woman walked to the parking lot investigators say a man stalked her and she didn't know it. This is surveillance video from the Belk Department Store. Investigators say the man wandered around the Women's clothing and Lingerie Departments. They say he then followed her outside and as she searched for her car keys they say the man grabbed her, groped her breasts and rubbed her back-side. Melissa Robson shops at Haywood mall often. "You don't really notice usually if you're shopping you're just looking at clothes or kinda looking around," said Robson. She says she and her friends say anything can happen. So, they always try to stay in a group. "I always stay with a group whether it be boys or girls, I'm never by myself at the mall," said Ashleigh Parlier. Investigators with the Greenville Police Department are patrolling the area looking for the man and so is mall security. They hope someone will recognize him. They say so they can stop him from shopping around for his next victim. "It's pretty scary it makes you think about what you're doing."

June 13, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A California jury delivered that verdict today -- on the seventh day of deliberations. It found Jackson innocent on all counts in his molestation and conspiracy trial -- setting off screams and cheers among fans gathered outside the Santa Maria, California, courthouse. Jackson faced ten charges of molesting a teen-age boy, plying him with alcohol and conspiring to hold him and his family hostage. The jury reached the verdict after a 14-week trial in which the accuser took the stand but Jackson didn't.

June 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

One hundred twenty days-- that's how long a Greer businessman has to pack up and close shop. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports city leaders are afraid the hotel breeds criminal activity. The Heritage Inn is on Wade Hampton Boulevard and now it's on the way out after the Greer City Council denied the owner another business permit. The move stems from two arrests at the motel earlier this year. One of them involved stolen prescription pills. A customer who stayed at the Heritage Inn was accused of stealing them from North Carolina, and then hid them in a mattress. Two months earlier, three adults were charged with making and selling meth while staying at the Heritage Inn. Recently, Fire and Codes inspected the motel and found several violations. We contacted the State Health Department which also inspected the motel and it didn't find anything serious enough to shut it down. The owner tells us he's very disappointed and says the city should help small business owners, not hurt them. He adds, whenever he spots anything criminal, he's the first to report it.

June 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's department say they received several complaints that men were having sex at Milliken Park. Undercover cops set up a sting and caught several men doing more than just taking a stroll during their lunch hour. In just one day undercover investigators arrested several men for charges ranging from indecent exposure to trespassing, all within a short walking distance from where families gather. Kristi Whitaker comes to Milliken Park with her mom and two small children. She says what people do behind closed doors is their own

business but to do it in public and be married at the time like some of these men is a different story. She says, "Homosexual or heterosexual I don't want to have to see it and explain it to my children. That's disgusting, that's disgusting and I feel sorry for their wives and their families." Erica Garner and Danny Vassey say this park is a place where they come to just relax. They say men hooking up in the woods ruins the park for everyone. Garner says, "That's just crazy to do it out there when you know you got a bunch of kids and everything right near by." Danny agreed saying, "I don't think anybody should go out there, they should have more respect for the public."

June 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Pharmacies are often targeted by drug dealers they break-in and steal drugs to make money on the street, but that could be a problem for customers. "What happens when you walk in the door if its not there. You have to go through the hassle of having a prescription transferred to another drug store," Syd Smith, a customer. Smith often comes to Mauldin Pharmacy to buy medicine and to have his prescription filled. He's aware of the growth problem of pharmacies being hit by dealers. Some pharmacists say because of the dangers they take extra precaution when they are filling prescriptions for customers. "You can't just go in and have a prescription filled you've got to give them driver's license and every ID under the sun," said Smith. Blair Tidmarsh knows all about it. A burglar broke into his store and stole \$9,000 worth of drugs. Now there are cameras and other security measures in place. "All these things still don't prevent when people start wanting drugs. The desire is just so hard they're going to try," said Tidmarsh. Investigators with the DEA just busted a prescription drug ring where they arrested 17 people throughout the Upstate. Officers say the investigation started back in January 2000 through November 2004. Investigators say the group stole drugs like pain killers, Oxycondone, Xanax and Methadone. "Psychotherapeutic drugs are being put on the street and being sold and the effects on family is what really upset me," said Tidmarsh. It's a growing problem that customers and pharmacists are concerned with. "The problem is not going to be solved today, or tomorrow, it's going to start with kids."

June 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

For nearly a year, no one knows what happened to 24-year-old Tamika Huston. Now her story makes the front page of USA Today. The article asks the question, "Do missing white women get more attention then missing black women?" Tamika Huston's family didn't skip a beat once Spartanbug police began their case into her disappearance. Her aunt, a PR professional, contacted all the media - local and national. Although her story filled local airwaves, national coverage was few and far between. Then last August Fox News mentioned her disappearance. In March America's Most Wanted featured Huston. Now her story becomes front page on a national paper but her family fears it may be too late. A few months ago Spartanburg police discovered her blood in an acquaintance's apartment. Although investigators interviewed him, he's still considered a person of interest. So far no one has been charged in Huston's disappearance. The family raised the reward to \$30,000. Anyone with any information should call 58-CRIME.

June 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A helicopter makes an unscheduled landing in one Greer neighborhood. It transported two men after a potentially deadly fight. It happened right off highway 101 on McElrath Road and Foster Circle. Neighbors say last night's fight is just one of many violent crimes that plague this community and they say they're not going to take it anymore. Last night around victims say a play fight turned into a blood knife fight. Deputies say one many was stabbed in the chest, the other slashed in the face. Neighbors living across the Greer Complex say this crime scene is an all too familiar sight around here, one of they're sick of seeing. Neighbor Irvin Southerland says, "You know you had a

guy stabbed tonight, you've had a murder over there before. Sooner or later somebody's gonna pull a gun. Children in this neighborhood, kids over there. How far does it have to go before someone stops it?" The neighbors say when every weekend starts so does the violence. Tammy Crane says, "We need help, this is our community, also this is our neighborhood and we want a neighborhood where our children can play safely." Most of the neighbors put the blame squarely on the complex landlords for renting apartments to people without checking their backgrounds first. Jannette Southerland says, "They don't seem terribly concerned that their tenants are affecting this neighborhood adversely." But neighbors say they're not giving up without a fight of their own. Irwin Southerland believes if everyone just comes together, neighbors, the landlords, and law enforcement - the crime can be stopped. "He says, "Mostly, it's a nice place to live but Thursday, Fridays, and Saturday, it gets nuts."

June 21, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

24 people who investigators say were trying to have a little too much fun ended up behind bars. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports the suspects were busted for trying to pay for sex. Most of those people walked out of jail after a judge let them go until their court date. On Woodside Avenue and Parker Street sits at least a couple of churches, plenty of homes, and some businesses; including a pharmacy. And most, if not all of the people who worship, live and work in the area, know about the prostitutes that linger there day in and day out. Candice Stokes, who works at the pharmacy, says, "They like to walk around the streets, flag cars down, stop them and cause wrecks and they like to come in here and use the telephone". But last Friday, the women working the streets weren't real working prostitutes. They were under covers working for the sheriff's office and they made a huge bust. 18 people, they say, who actually mentioned the exchange of money for some sexual favor. Another six were arrested for just hanging out in the area with the intention of picking up a prostitute. Karen Dean, a neighbor, says, "When I want to bring my kids out I want to them to be safe and we have a lot of traffic in this area with that...and they see things they shouldn't be seeing". The prostitution sting also spread into another part of the county, near Easley Bridge Road and Jones Street. Again, women work the streets in front of churches, businesses, and homes. "Its like everywhere you go really. It is kind of a problem here", says Ronald Anderson.

June 21, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Lacresha Martin is a single mother who works hard to support her family, so when she met Edward Jimmy Webb, she thought he could help her make more money. "He came through the line and asked me a few questions. He asked me if I had any children and asked me if I was interested in a better job," said Martin. Lacresha says Jimmy told her he was a manager at the Cryovac Plant in Duncan and that he was looking for new workers. "Paying \$11 an hour or something like that, working 40 hours a week and working around my school schedule," commented Martin. The pay sounded good and the hours weren't too bad. "He told me he needed the money for my boots because he got me a job and I would have to have the boots before I started working," said Webb. So she gave him \$100, but there was a problem Edward Jimmy Webb doesn't work at Cryovac. In fact, investigators with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office say he has made a career out of scamming people. Investigators say he goes into convenience stores and targets his next victim. Officers arrested him and charged him with obtaining money under false pretense. Now Lacresha is out of \$100, but she says she gained something more valuable through this experience. "It was too good to be true, but just be careful."

June 22, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTON:

Greenville City Police are on the lookout for a man who robbed two teenagers late Tuesday night in Downtown Greenville. According to 17 year old Brittany Coons, "It's a little shocking it still doesn't seem like it happened, you see it in the movies all the time, but it's a little different when you're actually there." Brittany and her 18 year old friend, David White were the ones

actually there Tuesday night when a man approached them on Japanese Dogwood Lane. She says, "He told us to put our hands up and give him our money, so David handed him his wallet, he said if we didn't give him money, he'd kill us." Brittany says the man covered his face with a t-shirt as he demanded their money. "Every order he gave was followed by, 'or I'll kill you.'...he had something in his hand, we don't know if it was really a gun, but he had something in there and he was holding it like it was and it was covered, so we don't know really if it was, but it's not something you really want to take a chance with." It's a chance Brittany says she and David didn't take and one she hopes she never has to face again. "I'm just really glad we got out ok, everything else is replaceable," says Brittany. And Brittany says it's a reality check for everyone to realize they're not as invincible as they may think they are. "Don't think that it can't happen, I know people say that all the time, but it's a little different when it really does happen to you." Police say they're also stepping up security in the downtown area by adding school resource officers to the patrol. While school's out for the summer, the 6 extra resource officers are available to hit the streets and beef up patrol as more people head out for the summer. Police say you need to be aware of your surroundings as well, do not walk alone, stay away from secluded areas and don't give criminals an opportunity to take advantage of you. If you do notice suspicious activity, call 911 immediately.

June 24, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Investigators say a man exposed himself to a six year old girl last week at the Simpsonville public library. What's worse, investigators say they still have no idea who the man is. Police say it all went down in the children's section of the library. The little girl was reading a book when a man exposed his genitals to her. The little girl then told her mother who was luckily sitting just an aisle away. The mother then told a library employee who secured the area and then immediately called police. Cops ask anyone with any information to call Simpsonville police right away

June 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The Simpsonville library looks like a safe haven for your children but last week it turned into one child's nightmare. Simpsonville police say a man flashed a six year old girl while she was reading in the children's section of the public library and her mother was just an aisle away. Thanks to James Thompson, library employee and former security guard's description a SLED agent drew the face of the flasher. He's said to be in his mid 30s. Five foot seven to five foot ten weighing about 180 pounds. Edith Lee visits the library often with her own child and the students she teaches. She says you never can tell who is out to hurt your child. "As a teacher I know people that pull up by our school watch our kids. It's dangerous." Investigators and library employees say this summer heat can also bring out the creeps. James Thompson says, "Hopefully this a lesson for everyone, please stay with your children this time of year because you never know whose inside these buildings." So it's up to moms and dads to keep an eye out. Lee says, "I'm a firm believer that's no one's gonna take better care of your child than you. I'd rather be better safe than sorry."

June 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Cops are cracking down on Interstate 385 with a zero tolerance attitude towards anyone speeding in a work zone. Driver, Robert Castro, found out the hard way. Greenville Police clocked him doing 66 in a 55 in a work zone. Castro says, "If I'm driving 9-10 miles over the speed limit. It's expensive, we are workers." He's definitely right about it being expensive. That ticket is going to cost him most people's week's pay. Greenville Police say from April 10 - April 20 they've issued: 46 tickets in a work zone; Costing drivers \$516 per ticket; Averaging about two to four points off your license. But most drivers say there's no one to blame but yourself if you're caught speeding. Tal Swanson says, "It's a little steep but I think that's how they keep everybody under control like a deterrent." Corporal A.C. Johnson says he's heard it all and seen it all. This time it's a ticket, next time it could be your life. "One of the big ones is Haywood Road right behind me. I've worked a wreck there a day for the past week and a half." Relief may be in sight for drivers and even cops. Contractors say 385 will be done by July 31 which is a year and a half

past schedule. Johnson says, "We'll be really happy to see construction stop, open it up to six lanes, it'll be a lot better. It's going to alleviate a lot of problems on 385 itself."

Attachments



Education

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **EDUCATION**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
May 10, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It may be surprising to learn you are considered a binge drinker if you have five or more alcoholic drinks in one sitting. For some people that's nothing, For others it can be a big problem. And as FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, before they know it, five- turns into an addiction. Brett "Bullet" Woodis, says, "For some people they can stop there, I couldn't". Bullet had his first drink his junior year in high school. The first time Bullet got drunk was senior year after football season. "I have great parents, they loved me and supported me in everything that I did. There really wasn't any sort of catastrophic event like me losing somebody close to me. I was your typical high school student. Senior year came around and I applied to colleges, got accepted and wanted to carry the next part of my life forward", says Bullet. And he quickly learned, that the next part of his life would become the worst part. All it took was one week of rushing at Clemson College and bullet was hooked. He wasn't hooked to Greek life, or school he was hooked on alcohol. Bullet says, "For whatever reason I really enjoyed it, u know, it really came to the point where if alcohol wasn't involved on one of those nights I wasn't a happy person. If we decided to go to a movie on a Thursday night id be like, u know, saying to the group come on guys lets go out downtown instead. Like who wants to go to a movie. Like whatever". Bullet isn't alone. Binge drinking is one of the fastest growing problems for college students in the United States and it can affect anyone. Most schools like Clemson College have a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Task Force to help students with abuse problems. They also track student behavior and for the first time Clemson reports student alcohol abuse is down. But that still doesn't exempt some students like Bullet because his alcohol addiction turned into something much more serious. After hurting his back while helping children with special needs he was prescribed painkillers like Loritab and Vicadin. "It got to the point where I started taking more then I was supposed to it got to the point where I started mixing alcohol with the pain pills. it really just led me down a dark tunnel that was just not really where I needed to be", says Bullet. Then finally, and fortunately, he had friends who spoke up. Bullet says, "I thought it was weird because he came over and picked me up and I thought what's going on? and he's just like, there were tears in his eyes, you know"? That's when bullet took a medical leave from Clemson and went to a private hospital in Atlanta. "By far the hardest thing I can ever imagine anybody to go through, its, I cant even put into words how difficult of an experience it really was", says Bullet. Can bullet beat his addiction? Or does his addiction beat him? The odds are really against him. Read part two to find out.

May 10, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION

Either he would beat his addiction or his addiction would beat him. A college student at Clemson College has to overcome the odds against binge drinking, which is one of the fastest growing problems in the country. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports the rest of the story. "How do u call your mother and tell her you have a addiction its not something you really want to do, especially with the image that I thought I was carrying around", says Bullet. Brett "Bullet" Woodis was active in high school sports, helped children with disabilities, and got accepted to Clemson College. "I had just totally been a person who was constantly involved in life, like normal days going out in the sun, playing, doing different things, like being outside in general. I was always a good student. Until, my grades went downhill. Like, I got to the point where I just didn't even want to go to class", says Bullet. That's because alcohol sidetracked bullet. And that addiction led to another. An addiction to painkillers. The problem was too much for his friends to bear. They told him he needed help. Bullet's friend says, "When we would be drinking some he would be drinking excessively like almost every night and then I started noticing other problems with drinking. Like we'd be trying to play sports outside in backyard and he wouldn't be able to do it. And we kind of had the

feeling there was something going on there so we tried to talk to him about it". It's probably a conversation between friends that should happen a lot more. Various studies show binge drinking is more commonly associated with 21st birthdays or spring break. The definition is five drinks or more in one sitting. That's little to some, but to others it can create a world of problems. Bullet says, "Its, I cant even put into words how difficult of an experience it really was". Bullet is just one of 15 million people who drown themselves in binge drinking. Advocates against drug and alcohol abuse don't blame victims like Bullet, they place blame on other things, like the more than one thousand commercials for beer and wine coolers. Students, according to one study, spend five and a half billion dollars on alcohol. That's more than soda, tea, milk, juice, coffee, or books combined. "And the most difficult par was when I wanted to detox myself", says Bullet. Fortunately for Bullet, he knew he had a problem and he had friends who knew it too. After 60 days in a private Atlanta rehab facility he broke his addiction, and beat the odds. Nearly a year later, he has yet to have even a sip of alcohol Bullet says, "Somebody needs to help me because I do not need to be drinking. I'm just one person it doesn't mix with, it never will mix with".

May 13, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Anderson County school officials say no disciplinary action will be taken against the student who accidentally fired a school resource officer's gun in a classroom. District Five Superintendent Betty Bagley says the incident Wednesday was an accident. A student at Lakeside Middle School fired officer Robert Miller's gun as he tried to demonstrate how hard it is to remove the gun from the holster.

May 19, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Students at Eastside High School in Greenville County are still trying to make sense of an accident that killed two teenagers. In an interview you'll see only on FOX Carolina, Jamie Guirola speaks with the only person in that accident who can talk about what happened. Some students say the deadly accident hasn't quite set in yet others just want to comfort the one person who wants to know why he was lucky enough to walk away with just a few scratches. John Philips, a junior, says, "Since it happened, that's all I can think about. Why them, not me? What did I do so good not to deserve it? I don't know". It's a question 18 year old John Philips will ask himself for the rest of his life- a life, he feels, was given a second chance. "I mean it was the grace of god that saved me. I honestly believe it", says John. Skid marks on East North Street tell part of the story. On Tuesday, John and three friends were driving when the driver lost control and side-swiped a car, then crossed the center line and hit another car. John's friends, 18 year old Matthew Carter and 17 year old Joel Tahash were killed. A makeshift memorial now stands in their honor. John says, "Joel, he was very friendly. Everybody loved him and Matt he dropped out of high school got a G.E.D. and from what I know he's a very cool guy". The driver is in a coma in critical condition at the hospital. At John's house Thursday, dozens of friends visit him after school. His injuries are obvious, scratches and stitches on his shoulder and his head. They are injuries he'd rather not have, but injuries he's not taking in vain-- his outlook on life-- completely changed. "Oh yeah. It's totally different now. I just want to live life to the fullest now and just be all I am and so what I can in life", says John. Students at Eastside High are raising money for a memorial. So far they've raised several hundred dollars and plan a carwash fundraiser this weekend.

May 20, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Travis Norris's family is watching him graduate tonight here and across the world. His sister, Sgt. Brenda Foster, may be stationed in Iraq but tonight's she's here with her family via the web. Brenda told FOX Carolina via web cam, "It makes me feel proud. He's the last one to graduate. He's my little brother." Travis says his sister couldn't be there for all his football games so her presence here tonight means the world to him and to her. "It's everything, she's always wanted me to graduate. She wanted me to go to college and get an education." Three years ago Travis played on a team that won state, tonight he says marks another milestone in his life. "This is a once in a

lifetime thing, graduating from high school, just like winning State Championship." Brenda says although it's 107 degrees in Iraq and she's been up for almost twenty-four hours, watching Travis graduate is well worth the wait. "I'm always in spirit. I've been waiting three weeks for this."

May 27, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A mother is upset about a movie she says her son should have never seen in class. She says the movie Apollo 13 is a good story, but it is told in a nasty way. When Shirley Bolding sits down to read a book, she says she hopes it teaches her something. Like a lot of other mothers, she says education is important to her and her son. But, one day she says her 13-year-old son Jeremy came home upset after watching a movie at Pickens Middle School. "He said the language, he said they cuss from beginning to the end over and over and over," she said. The movie is Apollo 13, the true story about a group of astronauts and their attempt to land on the moon. But something goes wrong and the trip turns into a survival mission. Shirley Bolding decided to watch the movie. "It had a few sexual innuendoes at the beginning that I didn't like and then the language was horrible," she said. The movie is rated PG, which means parental guidance is suggested, but she says she never gave Jeremy's teacher permission for him to see it. "It's a good story, but we want that language taken out of the classroom," she said. Bolding says the movie also takes the lord's name in vain: something that's forbidden in her home. We spoke to Dr. Mendel Stewart, the Superintendent of Pickens County Schools. He says "we acknowledge that this is inappropriate for a middle school audience. We apologize for offending anyone and we are investigating the situation further." "Children would not be allowed to use it and they shouldn't be shown it in a video," said Bolding. The Superintendent said he spoke to the teacher about the movie and now principals and school board members will meet next week to discuss a policy involving movies in the classroom.

June 2, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Greenville County School seniors are gearing up for graduation, but what's supposed to be a happy occasion has become a headache for one Upstate family, all because of a body piercing. Wednesday, Greer High School seniors practiced for Thursday's graduation. But one student was thrown out of the rehearsal because she would not take out her nose ring. School officials say they were following dress code policy, but when the student asked if it was ok to get the piercing a week ago, she says school officials no longer considered her a student and that was fine, that is until she showed up at Wednesday's rehearsal. It's one day every high school senior remembers, graduation day. But for Greer High School senior, Kayla Fuller, that memory may never be made, all because of her nose ring. Trudy Fuller, Kalya's mother says, "She has wonderful grades, this is what she asked for for graduation, I granted her wish." But neither Kayla nor her mother Trudy ever imagined at tiny diamond in her nose would keep this honor roll student from graduating. Trudy says, "When a child works as hard as they do in school for 12 years, that one nose ring should not keep her from walking the stage." But according to school officials, Kayla must participate in graduation rehearsal in order to graduate, however, she was kicked out of practice because she couldn't take out her nose ring at the principal's request. Kayla says she told principal, Mr. Waters, "I said I can't take it out and I guess that upset him and he just kept yelling at me, you need to leave, you need to leave." Trudy and Kayla say they had no problem removing the ring and would do so later that afternoon, for safety reasons. According to Trudy, "Since it was being removed early, it needed to be removed properly, by someone who was trained and I'm clearly not trained and neither is Mr. Waters." Kayla says, "I didn't want to bleed everywhere and have to walk around with this big ugly scab or scar on my face for graduation." Greer High School Principal, Mr. Waters, says he was just following the dress code which says no facial piercing other than earrings can be worn at school or school events. Kayla was thrown out of the graduation rehearsal, even though she says she wasn't the only one in violation of the dress code. "I saw some with their [lip] pierced and another girl had her nose ring, but she had it longer, so she could take hers out, I saw someone with their eyebrow pierced, belly button pierced." For Trudy, "It has become a nightmare.... You've got a child that's excelled academically all year, 12 years and now she can't walk the stage, it's not right." Kayla says she plans on going to graduation Thursday without her nose ring, in hopes she'll still be able to walk across the stage, school officials tell FOX Carolina she won't be allowed to participate because she was not at the rehearsal.

June 3, 2005

10:00PM

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The irony of the story is that the student's mother received permission from school officials before her daughter even got the nose ring. Well her daughter, Kayla Fuller, took out the nose ring and asked Fox Carolina for help and this morning they received a phone call from the principal requesting a meeting. Today Greer High Principal Marion Waters had a change of heart. A day after banning Kayla Fuller from graduation he told her she could walk on stage and receive her diploma. Kayla says, "When they told me I could walk it was like a whole new thing for me I was so excited I couldn't wait. It means the world to me." Her mother Trudy was also thankful. She says, "I was ecstatic for the communication and for FOX intervening and helping us out. It really was a blessing." Last night Kayla and her mother Trudy talked to Fox Carolina about their problem. They said the honors student had gotten her nose pierced as a graduation present and that's why she was kicked out of yesterday's rehearsal, missing that practice put her graduation in jeopardy. We also tried to watch Kayla graduate but security guards banned Fox Carolina from the ceremony. But just yesterday, the principal invited us to be there. Why the change? The Greenville County School District told us: "We did not allow Fox cameras into the Greer High School graduation ceremony because it is a solemn ceremony and we wanted the focus to be on the achievement of our students." Kayla says she's relieved the school gave her a second chance so now she can put those sleepless nights behind her. "I'm going to sleep. I'm going to college. I'm ready to move on." Kayla will be attending Greenville Tech in the Fall and then transfer to Wofford to study physical therapy.

June 10, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A gay porn star and Bob Jones University. If you're wondering what the two could possibly have in common you can find out in a tell-all book. Before the author got into porn-- he almost got a degree from Bob Jones. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports Bob Jones University calls itself the "opportunity place"; but the controversial author says in a new book titled "Secrets of A Gay Marine Porn Star", Bob Jones University is a "fortress of fundamentalism." The university sits in the city of Greenville on 225 acres. Bob Jones University hails itself as the largest fundamental Christian school in the world, with more than five thousand students per year. One of those students was Merritt. Until he says, he had a breaking point. Merritt says, "It almost led me to kill myself. And the last three and a half years has been about recovering from that and coming to a place where I accept the way God made me." "Secrets Of A Gay Marine Porn Star" focuses largely on Merritt's secret gay life in the marines and his double-life as a porn star. But before that, he grew up in the Bob Jones family of schools where he campaigned for Ronald Reagan in junior high and was senior class president in high school. "It's really more than the title suggests. It is a story about anyone growing up in an environment where they are not allowed to be who they felt they were," says Merritt. And going to school at Bob Jones, Rich felt he was gay. His book describes his struggle with sexual identity in a school with a reputation for discrimination. Merritt says, "It created a lot of conflict because I knew who I was inside and I knew what I was being taught and there was this great friction there and I had to put up a facade and it wore me out." And Merritt worries, other students at Bob Jones like him, might try and kill themselves. And policies like one listed on the school's website, which classifies homosexuality with drugs and drunkenness, make it clear gays are not welcome. "They have a certain number of students who are just like me and they're being told, put in a position, to not think outside what Bob Jones is teaching them. That there's something wrong with them for being who they are," says Merritt. We contacted Bob Jones University about the new book and administrators say they are saddened by the choices Merritt has made, which go against scripture.

June 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

UNDATED South Dakota teacher-to-be Mandy Plucker is looking forward to getting her Master's degree, but she says she's anxious about how she'll juggle her college loan payments, as are many students. Plucker says when many graduates enter the work force, it's the first time they have to pay health insurance, car insurance and even rent. She says it's important to know how much will be needed to be budgeted to pay back student loans. Student loan burdens are about to grow. The interest rates on both new loans and those in repayment are set to jump by a record amount on July first -- nearly two full percentage points. But students and graduates can lock in lower rates by consolidating their loans before the deadline. Kate Rube with the State Public Interest Research Groups says the potential savings are substantial. The average undergraduate borrower who has almost 19-thousand dollars in loan debt can save almost 21-hundred dollars over the life of the loan by consolidating now. A graduate student with nearly 46-thousand dollars in debt could save five-thousand dollars by consolidating.

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Environment

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
May 5, 2005_	10 pm	10 O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Officials say construction on I - 385 is almost over and for a lot of drivers it's ending not a moment too soon. Rick Davis drives the I-385 all time. He says, "I-385 is just slow, it's monotonous, it seems like it's been going on forever." Well not forever but since June of 2001 construction has been non-stop on I-385. Drivers also complain about problems ranging from dings on the car because of construction gravel to accidents. Rick Davis says, "Just yesterday I saw a girl get hit by a car. It happens especially to people trying to get in, it's confusing, it's miserable. The contractor for the I - 385 project says there is an end in sight because right now the project is in the finishing phase. Workers are putting down layers of asphalt. DOT also says all the work should be done by late summer. But Rick Davis says he's still skeptical. "Yea and I got some land in Tampa, I can sell you too, it's not going to happen." But the contractor says it will happen and when it does. I - 385 will have two extra lanes going both ways. A total of eight bridges will be renovated and every interchange will also be improved. Jusy Moore says the construction is a hassell, but she believes it's worth it. "It's annoying but the end result definitely outweighs the negative."

May 9, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Last year Hurricane Season caught many people off guard and this year polls show people in "vulnerable" areas still won't be prepared, despite the devastation endured by Mother Nature. Last year the Pigeon River in Clyde, North Carolina flooded after remnants of Hurricanes Frances and Ivan ripped through the Carolinas. People's homes were literally left on the sidewalks because many people weren't prepared for the massive flood. If we're not careful, many of us may be caught off guard again this year. That's why there's a new National Hurricane Survival Initiative in place to help educate hurricane-vulnerable residents and it can be found right on your computer. Log onto www.hurricanesafety.org, there you'll find information on what to do now, what you must know, what to do when the storm bears down, being in the eye of the storm and how to handle the aftermath. Hurricane Season runs from June 1 through November 30.

May 10, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPITON:

People in the Laurens County community of Gray Court say enough is enough. They say Bobo's Trailer Court off Highway 14 isn't being kept up to standards, with trash overflowing dumpsters and apparent sewage being dumped into ditches. But property owner L. Watt Bobo says its not his problem. People in the community are also taking the

Town Council to task, wanting answers to why so many problems throughout the town aren't slated to be fixed with a \$250,000 grant that designated to help revitalize Main Street.

May 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Witnesses say White Horse Road turned into chaos within a matter of minutes. Firefighters were dressed in protective Haz-Mat gear and investigators shut-down four lanes of White Horse Road as they evacuated businesses just before noon on Tuesday. Michael Cross works in the area. "Straight across the street in front of our office we heard a big boom," said Cross. Investigators say it happened at the Southern Water Treatment Company when a worker started having problems with a valve. Another employee, Samuel Stokes says he was mixing a batch of waste water and knew something was wrong when he smelled a strong odor and started getting dizzy. "I just knew I had to get to the door that was open because I knew it was fresh air and I made it to the door that's when I passed out," said Stokes. When he came to he tried to warn others at the plant around him. That's when he heard an explosion and saw a cloud of chemical gas made up of Hydrogen Sulfide, which is a Cyanide base. So to be safe, officers re-routed traffic and evacuated homes near Sandra Avenue. Janice Halsey nearby. "I had the windows closed, the baby was in the house we were fine," commented Halsey. Just a block away, school administrators at Greenville Elementary school activated their "Shelter In Place Plan," which keeps students and teachers inside. Carolyn Benson came to pick up her granddaughter. "I think they did the right thing because you have lots of chemicals that's hazardous to our health," said Benson. However, not everyone escaped the fumes. Workers at the plant and people driving through the area had to go to Greenville Memorial Hospital where they were decontaminated within soap and water inside a tent. They started complaining about not being able to breathe and a burning sensation in their eyes and on their skin, but doctors say everyone will be all right. "God blessed me, I'm very lucky," said Stokes.

June 28, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It's now easy to find out how clean South Carolina beaches are. The U-S Environmental Protection Agency's Web site has beach advisories for poor water quality from the past five years across the country. Horry County had more than 80 advisories over the past year. Beaches south of Horry County had few advisories. Experts say that's because those beaches are less developed with fewer paved surfaces to create storm water runoff. North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach are spending (m) millions of dollars to carry storm water under the beach and at least one thousand feet into the ocean, where it can be diluted and swept away from shore. For more information on Carolina beaches click on www.epa.gov/beaches

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Government

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Sundays (airs weekly)	10:00 am	FOX NEWS SUNDAY

DESCRIPTION:

Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00)

April 27, 2004	10pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Nearly three years ago, 27 year old Ruby Nell Lindsey's estranged husband, Marion Lindsey shot and killed her at the Inman Police Department parking lot. Now Nell's other, Carol Wright is supporting a new Criminal Domestic Violence Bill. She hopes the bill will help save another abused woman's life. She says during the first arrest, an abuser should stay in jail for at least 30 days. "Second offense give them six months and then anger management and let them know if it happens one more time its a felony," said Wright. The current CDV Bill states that the third offense will be a felony. In the past, the charge was only a misdemeanor.

May 6, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Gov. Mike Easley today announced that nearly 800 applications for Operation Brighter Day hurricane recovery programs have been filed since Recovery Application Centers (RACs) opened last week in N.C. Cooperative Extension Service centers in the 50 disaster-declared counties. He commended local agents for helping to eliminate red tape and get people the resources they need for recovery. **"This is a great start, but I encourage everyone who still has uninsured losses to apply," Easley said. "We want to be certain that everyone has a chance to participate in this recovery process."** Operation Brighter Day is Gov. Easley's program to provide a one-stop application service by either visiting a local RAC or calling the Governor's Hurricane Recovery Bilingual Hotline at 1-888-835-9966 (TTY, 1-877-452-2514). The goal is to ensure that victims of these storms have an easy and convenient way to apply for all available North Carolina Individual Assistance programs at one time. Between April 22 and close of day Thursday, 796 applications had been received from people living in the 50 disaster-declared counties. This includes 336 requests for housing damage, 289 for damage to private driveways and bridges, and 360 for agricultural loss. To date, the highest number of applications has been filed in Buncombe and Haywood counties. For a county-by-county breakdown of the number of applications filed, visit www.OperationBrighterDay.org. Applications will be accepted through May 27. Contact information for local RACs can be found online at www.ces.ncsu.edu/counties. Applications also may be filed by calling the Governor's Hurricane Recovery Bilingual Hotline between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

May 10, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Last year's hurricanes gave Western North Carolina quite a beating, heaving flooding devastated several areas, including the town of Clyde . One family says the help they received after the storm is turning into a big problem. About eight months ago the Pigeon River in Clyde flooded out homes and the town, now the river is back to normal and while the flood victims are trying to do the same, FEMA is actually forcing some people to back track. "It went through the under part of the house and took the posts out from under the house and let the house sink in the middle." Remnants of Hurricane Ivan left its mark on Linda Gillett's home, forcing her to buy new furniture and repair the foundation, but, thanks to FEMA, Linda was able to buy back most of what she lost. Linda says, "It went through the under part of the house and took the posts out from under the house and let the house sink in the middle. I went and started buying kitchen appliances, tables, living room suites, bedroom suites...They came out and inspected and took a list of all that was damaged and told me they'd send it in....then sent me direct deposit money to buy furniture and personal items with." After a third FEMA representative came out to Linda's home, more money was sent. "Now they're asking for some of that money back. I thought there some was mistake and they said no, they said they paid me for some personal items such as tvs and stereos and wood splitters and lawn mowers and things like that and that they didn't pay people for personal loses that they only help people get back on their feet," explains Linda. But now Linda is expected to pay back more than \$3,000 in 30 days or face interest and penalty charges. "The inspectors, they ought to have done their jobs when they were out here and even have done the calculations before they sent it and they wouldn't have sent the right amount to start with because they knew we were going to spend it to get back on our feet," says Linda. According to FEMA a thorough review of assistance is done as a final step and if more money was given than necessary they will ask for it back, because it is the taxpayers' money. But for people like Linda it's another devastation. "I didn't ask them for a certain amount, they sent what they thought I had lost to help get back on my feet. There's no way I can come up with that much money within 30 days time." FEMA says they've assisted over 80 thousand people in North Carolina for the hurricane flooding. Of the 80,000, 185 people have had to return money. If you're one of those people, you can appeal the review and also get on a payment plan, but you'll face a 6% interest rate for that payment plan.

May 13, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

More and more, everywhere you look your every move is being recorded. Now, that even includes routine traffic stops. In Spartanburg, cops are required to hit that record button because they say you never know what's going to happen. Spartanburg Public Safety Office Joey Stapleton says, "In a situation where it used to be his word versus her word now there's something there to take away that he said she said." That something is a dash cam you can clearly see through his windshield and with one press of a button he can turn his high tech partner on and off. The cam also makes a lot of drivers feel better, Kathy Lark says these days you can never be too safe. "It kind of makes me feel a little protected since there's dirty people, dirty cops out there. It's almost like an extra set of eyes." As soon as you're pulled over and you see those flashing blue light, everything you do is being recorded as well as everything you say. And if you wind up in the back of a patrol car, everything is recorded in there as well. That's news to driver Charles Young, but he says it's also a relief. "You never know what goes on when the police stop you, never know if they're a good cop or a bad cop. It protects everybody."

May 16, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

More than First Aid is needed to save several emergency rescue squads in Spartanburg County. Money and time could keep them on life support. The issue was on the agenda at Monday night's County Council meeting. For the next month the emergency services in question will be operating as they have been. A decision by County Council will give the Emergency

Advisory Committee 30 days to come up with a plan to help seven rescue stations meet the criteria for renewing a contract with the county and receive funding. The stations in jeopardy include Whitney, Pacolet, Drayton, Woodruff, Enoree and two in Chesnee. The criteria includes attending 10 of 12 Advisory Committee meetings, the squad is required to be in service for a minimum of 80% of the time and each rescue squad would respond to at least 95% of the incidents they are dispatched to. David Jones, the Director of the Emergency Services in Spartanburg County says, "They say they have plans to do so, County Council has asked that they go and further develop those plans and bring them back to council for consideration next month." Jones also says some of the plans include consolidation and improvements to service. According to Jones, some rescue squads are having trouble meeting the criteria because they are not able to attract as many volunteers. Five squads did meet the criteria and received contracts from the County. Those stations include Westview-Fairforest, Inman, Landrum, Croft and Wellford.

June 10, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Gov. Mike Easley today called on victims of the 2004 hurricanes who still have uninsured losses from storm damage to file for individual assistance programs offered through Operation Brighter Day by next Friday's deadline. "I want to remind everyone that the application deadline is June 17," Easley said. "The clock is ticking on these programs, which were created to provide relief to those in need. We want to be sure that everyone who qualifies for assistance gets it as quickly as possible." Hurricane victims can submit one application to cover all available individual assistance programs at Recovery Application Centers (RACs), which are located in N.C. Cooperative Extension Service centers in each of the 50 disaster-declared counties covered by the Hurricane Recovery Act of 2005. So far, nearly 3,600 applications for individual assistance have been filed at RACs or by calling the Governor's Hurricane Recovery Bilingual Hotline toll free at 1-888-835-9966 (TTY, 1-877-452-2514). Between April 22 and close of day Thursday, 3,577 applications had been received from people living in the 50 disaster-declared counties. This includes 1,582 requests for housing damage, 1,063 for damage to private driveways and bridges, and 932 for agricultural loss. For a county-by-county breakdown of the number and type of applications filed, visit www.OperationBrighterDay.org. Contact information for local RACs can be found online at www.ces.ncsu.edu/counties. Applications also may be filed by calling the Governor's Hurricane Recovery Bilingual Hotline between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

June 13, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Michael Faison takes pride in his neighborhood. That's why he keeps his grass cut and his yard looking good. He's concerned about the possibility of seven rescue squads in Spartanburg County closing and one, the Whitney Rescue Squad is very close to his neighborhood. The seven squads on the chopping block are Whitney, Pacolet, two Chesnee locations, Drayton and Enoree. "If you take away EMS and they have an emergency at their house then they could easily die or they wouldn't be able to get there," said Faison. Some EMS volunteers agree. They are trying to come up with a proposal so that Spartanburg County Council won't pull the plug on their operations. Sandra Corley is a paramedic for Enoree Rescue 20. She says the nearest rescue squad is about 15 minutes away, but it is only open 12 hours a day. "We are at the mercy of whoever is available to cover for us," commented Corley. The rescue squads may shut down because an EMS Advisory Committee says volunteers have low call volumes and little funding. "One life saved in the time we are there to me is worth all the time in the world," said Corley. That kind of support means a lot to neighbors like Michael Faison. Spartanburg County Council decided to give volunteers with the rescue squad two more weeks to present a proposal. Some of them already have one, it consists of trying to figure out how to stay open for 24 hours, setting a budget and trying to get funding.

Attachments



Jobs, Economy, Growth

**PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
SECOND QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **GROWTH**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
April 26, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News

Traffic during rush hour on Pelham Road is already bumper to bumper and shoppers like Andrea Kulle worry more business expansion will only make it worse. "Traffic is already a problem on Pelham Road, the speed limit is too high, people way go way too fast in this area anyway...Pelham's going to be another Woodruff Road." Two major expansion projects are under way on two properties on the east side of Pelham. Homegold Shopping Center right now is an empty lot but developers say once it's done it'll have a CVS on one end, a Spinx gas station on the other, with a Krystal Burger, Starbucks, and bank in the middle. In the back will be a bunch small high end shops. In total the shopping center will be about 175,000 square feet and developers expect to break ground in about a month and the hope is the project will be done by early next year. Just down the road developers say they have plans for the Milestone Plaza Shopping Center. They aren't sure what businesses will be there yet but it will be centered around the Bi-Lo grocery store and take up a total 85,000 square feet. We're told the stores will also be high end. Shopper Bob Keegan lived in Atlanta for awhile and he says people there are still paying the price for all the expansion that happened before traffic concerns were addressed. "I think expansion's not bad as long as they do planning for the traffic." Although shopper Mike Masse can get through some tough spots on his bike, he thinks even that won't help if something's not done about the I-85 traffic first. "The developments are fine, just need to do something getting on and off I-85 for the Pelham Road exit."

May 2, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Some Simpsonville residents say they're worried about the outcome of an accident or emergency in their neighborhood. It all started when Alder Bridge on Alder Road was washed out in September during Hurricanes Jeanne and Frances. The bridge is still off limits to drivers, but it's not just people in the neighborhood that are having to take alternate routes, emergency vehicles are also forced to take the long way around, it's a concern for many residents, especially since a home in the neighborhood caught fire this weekend. Time is essential when it comes to emergencies, and that's one main concern West Wood residents have since Alder Bridge washed out in September. According to neighborhood resident and paramedic, Karen Whitworth, "It's a nightmare for EMS crews, it's a nightmare for the Fire Department, the police, any emergency service you need right now, it's a nightmare just to try and get in here...in a lot of cases, minutes or every second are what counts and right now they don't have them." But Saturday, their fears became reality when one home in the neighborhood caught fire. Neighbor, Michael Hensley says his daughter "smelled smoke and by the time I came around, I could see flames shooting out the windows of the house." Nearby neighbors called 9-1-1 and fire crews headed to Alder Drive. Doug Stegall lives just up the street from the home that caught fire, he says, "I don't know how long it took them, but my wife told me when they got here the flames were coming out of the windows." Hensley says, "We could hear them circling, coming all the way around, the sirens we could hear the sirens, the response time was fair for that, but it would've been quicker if they could've come right down Capewood, across the bridge." Instead, fire crews had to take an alternate route, tacking on some extra time that residents say they might not take if the bridge was fixed. Simpsonville City Administrator, Russell Hawes, says, "There may not be as direct a path from one place to another as there would be with the bridge. We have alternate plans in effect for district fire and emergency vehicles, police as well and we are definitely addressing as quickly as possible any incident that occurs." Plans are now in the works to renovate the bridge within the next 60 days, a project that is expect to take about 2 months to complete. Residents say they're happy about the news, but Stegall also says he's, "Still frustrated, why is it taking that long to do something that should've been done a year ago, almost a year ago." As for Hensley, he says, "It's about time." No one was

home when the fire started and everyone is safe. The City is waiting on a report from the Fire Chief to see what the response time for the fire was and they say they will work to make sure everyone stays safe until the bridge is fixed.

May 5, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

He hoarded land for decades and at the time of his death, John D. Hollingsworth owned more than 19 thousand acres of undeveloped land in the City of Greenville. Now, years after his death, that land is about to change. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola tells us more about what promises to be the largest private development in South Carolina. It was a formal affair at the Embassy Suites Thursday, with a string quartet in the lobby, state and local dignitaries on the stage, and announcement of land, Hollingsworth land, to be sold. Just the opposite of everything John Hollingsworth stood for. He was a businessman who invested heavily in land, but one thing he never did was sell it. Thursday, the Hollingsworth Foundation and Verdae Development unveiled the master plan. More than 1100 acres of prime land near I-85 and I-385 that will include starter homes, townhouses, condos, retirement centers and office spaces. Knox White, Greenville's Mayor, says, "It's good growth policy, in fact the whole Verdae plan is a tremendous example of how to balance growth with quality of life. It's a wonderful example of good planning and how things ought to be done". When the development is complete, the planners expect 6500 residents to call Verdae home, as well as 500 businesses. And business means jobs, upwards of 15,000. Rep. David Wilkins, House Majority Leader, says, "It's going to have an immediate impact and yet a far reaching impact because it goes out for decades". And for the beneficiaries of the Hollingsworth estate, a far reaching financial impact Rick Sumerel, says, "all the profits from Verdae will go directly back to the beneficiaries in line with what Mr. Hollingsworth had wished and charged to us." And those beneficiaries are Furman University, the Y.M.C.A and various Greenville County charities. Phase one of the project is set to begin a little later this year, built around a 40 acre park which will be called the Hollingsworth Legacy Park. Buck Welling was Hollingsworth's accountant for years and probably knew the highly eccentric and uniquely private businessman better than most. Welling says, "He would be very amazed. He might have differences of opinion--unfortunately he might be a little mad we're selling off some of his land, (laugh)". But Welling says helping to ensure the future of Greenville and the future of education and charity, is perfectly in tune with John Hollingsworth's wishes.

May 18, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

There's plenty of things to do and enjoy in Simpsonville's newest family attraction. The "Discovery Island" is guaranteed to keep you and your family cool during the summer. Hop in a tube and float around in the Lazy Day Lagoon. Or ride down Hurricane Hazards or spin the Cyclone Zone. Those are just some of the many things you can enjoy in "Discovery Island." The "Discovery Island" makes its big splash to the public on May 21. It will open daily beginning June 6. **Hours of Operation:** Monday - Friday (10:30am - 7:00pm) Saturday (10:30am - 6:00pm) Sunday (12:00pm - 6:00pm) **Admissions:** Guests over 48 inches: \$6.00 Guests under 48 inches: \$5.00 Seniors and Handicapped: \$5.00 Kids under 24 months: Free

June 11, 2005 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

They've become an all too familiar sight on our roads, memorials to accident victims. Drivers say the stretch on Highway 124 from Greenville to the Pickens County is becoming a real-life dead man's curve. Drivers say not only is the forty five mile per hour speed limit too high but there are no stop signs or red lights either. Memorial, after memorial, after memorial decorate the narrow two lane highway. Driver, Steve Cross says driving down this road can sometimes be unbearable. "Four of my friends got killed down there...My best friends lost." Most drivers says if there's anyone to blame most people need to look

no further than their own mirror. Mark Southerland says he should know he drives this fuel tanker 10 hours a day six days a week. "Most people in South Carolina drive aggressively they don't obey the law. Basically they're just reckless." One driver told us just this past week there were three wrecks and see just one cross out there is just one too many. "I think if that was my child or my mother it's very sad ...I never see anybody do the speed limit so I think that contributes to the wrecks." Another factor according to drivers - drinking. Drivers also say they wish highway patrol would come out here more often and crack down on law breakers.

June 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Now that school is out many people are trying to beat the heat this summer by taking a plunge in a swimming pool or spending the day at a water park. If you're one of the hundreds planning on heading out to the new Discovery Island Waterpark, your chances of getting in, might be getting better. Nine year old Sandra Aboulhosn says Discovery Island is "it's amazing, just going down those slides, it's like you're going in a rocket to the air." Waterslides, a lazy river and just plain fun in the sun, but this fun is restricted only 800 people at one time in Discovery Island Waterpark. According to Dan Rodgerson, the Executive Director for the Greenville County Recreation District, "We obviously built the Waterpark too small, the second day we were open we hit capacity in two hours, this past Sunday we hit capacity in one hour." The Greenville County Recreation District says the original capacity was miscalculated, but now they've received permission from DHEC to expand the capacity to 1200 people. "We really think that 1200 is probably too much, but 800 is not enough, so we feel as though a real comfortable level in here would be 1000 people," says Rodgerson. While some at the Waterpark say it gets crowded there at times, they don't mind if more people are allowed in to enjoy the facility this summer. Russell Day and his boys say there's "A lot more kids that want to play, have a good time and a safe time, I think it'll be good." And more people is just fine with Jennifer Collier, "It's ok, we have a lot of fun." Rodgerson says, "The people who are already inside it'll be a little less elbow room may not be as happy, but for the folks waiting for 45 minutes to get in, they'll be excited." And even the kids, who will most likely be the ones waiting longer to ride the famous slides, say the more the merrier. "Even when I'm waiting in line, I talk to my friends....yeah, that'd be great," says Aboulhosn. The Recreation District will meet with the County Wednesday and say they hope to get the capacity changed at that meeting. They also say they plan on making the park bigger or building a new water park somewhere else in the county, in the near future.

June 17, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

At the Prime Outlets mall off exit 90 on Interstate 85 is where developers hope the fun and action will be. The Gaffney Planning Commission just gave the go-ahead to developers to build an all out entertainment center on this six and a half acre lot next to Outback Steakhouse. The center will include: - Eight stadium style movie theaters - a 16 lane bowling alley - a teen adult arcade - a cyber gaming room - and another food court plus sports bar. Morgan Auton and her friends live in Gaffney and they say they can't wait for the new center. "It'll give us something to do. There's nothing to do in Gaffney. That way we don't have to drive to Spartanburg or Greenville, we can just hang out in Gaffney." Jan McCormack says she usually comes from Greenville just to shop but with the new center coming, she and her family might be spending a lot more time in Gaffney. "I think with all the patronage and outlets it'll be a big hit, something they need." Mall officials say it will have to wait sixty days before actually closing on the property. The plan is to have the center open as early as next Spring.

June 18, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

South Carolina's jobless rate dropped slightly last month, to six-point-three percent of the work force. That's down from six-point-five percent in April. The national unemployment rate last month was five-point-one percent. South Carolina and Tennessee tied for the sixth-highest unemployment rate in the country. South Carolina added eight thousand jobs last month. The leisure and hospitality sector added 26-hundred jobs as the tourist season started. Trade, transportation and utilities added about two thousand jobs.

June 22, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

One by one, stores in this once booming small town of Westminster are closing up shop. The first big hit, an Ace Hardware store a few weeks ago. Next, the popular Barrett's store that's been around for years selling hunting supplies closed a few days ago. Now the indispensable Winn Dixie is shutting it's doors for good by the end of the summer. Besides dozens now out work here people in Westminster worry they'll now have to drive to Seneca or Clemson just to get the every day things they need.

June 22, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Winn Dixie grocery chain stores all across the Southeast are closing down. Under a reorganization plan announced this week, 300 stores will close in four states and twenty-two thousand people will lose their jobs. Most shoppers in the Oconee County community of Westminster say the closing of their Winn Dixie is more than just an inconvenience. The store in their city has been the only grocery store for the past ten years. Shoppers say they'll have to drive between ten to fifteen miles just to buy their groceries once the store closes September 1.

June 24, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It is the site of the Prime Outlets and the Giant Peach, now Gaffney is about to make its mark on the map once again, with a new Family Entertainment Center. The \$6.8 million dollar project will allow Prime Outlet shoppers a lot more than just retail, they will now have a variety of activities for teens and families to enjoy. "The Family Entertainment Center will have eight stadium style movie screens, initially it will start with 16 lanes of bowling, it is expandable to 21 lanes of bowling, it will have four arcade areas, a cyber arcade and a common food court," explains Dave Kowert, the President of American Family Entertainment Center, Southeast. The Center will also have a small sports bar connected to the bowling facility and of course, the entire facility will be built with the latest technology. Construction is expected to begin at the end of August and the grand opening will happen sometime between April and May 2006.

Attachments



Quality of Life

**ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED
FIRST QUARTER 2005**

Problem/Need: **QUALITY OF LIFE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
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Sundays 6:30 am		FORCE OF FAITH
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DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 8:30am		IN TOUCH MINISTRIES
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DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (60:00)

Sundays 9:30 am		TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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DESCRIPTION: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am		DAY OF DISCOVERY
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DESCRIPTION: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

April 26, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

We're used to seeing Kevin Costner on the big screen but today he says he came to Anderson to meet someone who inspires him, Ben Comen. "When you have a life you make a decision that you're gonna go forward. Ben's made a commitment to finishing. He's about finishing." Ben has cerebral palsy yet he finishes every Hanna High cross country race he starts. Ben says today's race is for all people with special needs. Andrea Pate also ran with her son Chase today and she says Ben inspires all kids disabled or not. "To any kid who has a disability he's saying you can do what you want to do if you work hard." Ben is the namesake of the "Living Without Limits Foundation" which helps families of children with special needs. Ben hopes all challenged children will live their lives how they want regardless of physical limitations. Ben says, "If there's something you want to do just don't give up." Ben's dad, David Comen, also hopes the foundation he helped create will also send a message to parents of kids with special needs. "Let that child's limit be their own limits and not limits because of our own ability to accept or because of their inability to get the resources they need." Although Costner received a lot of attention today, he insists he played a small role in one big Ben Comen picture. "I don't know that he is apart from anybody else. I think he is a part of all of us. We realize we are all connected. We live across the country but we are all connected."

May 1, 2005	10:00pm	The Ten O'clock News
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DESCRIPTION:

Members of Greenville Faith Communities United are holding a weeklong city-wide festival to celebrate diverse religions. Organizers say this is an important event because the upstate is becoming increasingly diverse ethnically and religiously. The festival kicked off Sunday at Greenville Technical College. It ends Sunday with a family fun night at Greenville First Baptist. For more information go to www.gfcu-sc.org/festival.html

May 5, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Being a star, that's what American Idol contestants are hoping will happen to them, but once they get there will they know what to do? The search for fame and fortune is obvious with shows like American Idol, and thousands vie for a chance to "make it big." One local church is trying to show people it takes a lot to be a star. Cornerstone Church in Greenville is putting on a musical drama, called "The American Idols." It may have a similar name to FOX's hit show, but the church's Senior Pastor, Dale Blair, says it has a deeper meaning. "It's a search for fame and fortune, but what we've discovered is if you don't have the solid foundational truths and building blocks in your life, then all that fame and fortune doesn't solve your problems, it actually creates more than you had to begin with," says Blair. The play will be similar to the American Idol show, but it will illustrate the need for inner peace to go along with success in order to be happy in life. Performances will be held May 20, 21, 22 at 7pm.

May 5, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A national study of youth and religion shows "religion really does matter to teens." But do they really know what being a Christian means and are they actually practicing those beliefs in their everyday lives? Teens say they face lots of pressures, but faith plays a role in their decisions. According to Mauldin High School junior, Tiffany Sellars, "Peer pressure's probably the biggest one, dealing with drugs and sex and everything like that." Eastside sophomore, Justin Lee, agrees, "Drugs is a very, very big issue with teens these days. Sex is a big issue, it's a very big issue." And J.L. Mann senior, Brittany Coons says, "Drugs and sex is a huge thing." Ask just about any teenager and they'll tell you they face a long list of temptations and pressures every day. But many teens will also tell you, how they address those issues comes from their beliefs. Brittany says, "I wake up in the morning and I know Christ died for my sins and the least I can do is to live my life knowing he did this for me, I should at least do this. I think it's harder though, because you know you're accountable for it and that you have to accept that you did that." While making the "right" decision may not always be the easiest thing for Christians, especially when it comes to teen issues, studies show teens who do practice their faith are less likely to get involved with things like drugs and sex. Teens we talked to say their Christian beliefs lead them to act differently than non-Christians. According to Jaron Sellars, a sophomore at Mauldin High School, "Just doing the right thing and staying on track, know what you're going to do in your life." Brittany says, "As a Christian there are things that I don't do that I see non-Christians do...There is a difference, but it's just a choice that I make." "A Christian might go to a party knowing that something might tempt them but they're still going to go knowing that they're strong enough that they're not going to do that, where other non-Christians would go to that party just for that reason, to do those activities whether it be drugs or sex," says Justin. But do teens who call themselves Christians really know what that means? "Um...that's a hard question, I guess just really putting your life in God's hands pretty much," says Hillcrest High School senior, Ashley Crisp. Tiffany says, "You have to believe in Jesus and you have to be saved." Brittany describes it as, "Being a Christian means that you believe Jesus Christ died for your sins that he was a sacrifice for your sins." But these teens say "saying" you're Christian and "acting" like a Christian are two very different things. "There are a lot of people I know that say they're Christian and go to church, but do things that make other people think, maybe you're not," says Brittany. According to Justin, "I'm going to say 85% of people that claim they're Christian don't have the grasp of Christianity...They're not accountable, they don't feel guilty." And teens say the difference in speaking the part and acting it, makes a difference when it comes to making the right decisions. "They have guidelines they know what's right and what's wrong and if you're non-Christian or believe in something else then it's just different," says Tiffany. Greenville High School sophomore Jerrod Harris says, "You can't be Christian one day and the devil the next day, you have to be Christian everyday, be holy, be purified, you have to live by the bible and

what's right." The teens we talked to say they're Christians and know what it means to be a Christian. But they also say it is tough making decision based on their beliefs because of all the temptations they face in this day and age.

May 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Politics and the pulpit. A Carolina preacher's ultimatum to support President Bush draws fire on the church. The church's pastor now trying to throw water on the flames, claiming, he never told nine people to leave because they voted for former presidential candidate John Kerry. The national controversy started in Waynesville, North Carolina, a little west of Asheville. The pastor is Chan Chandler and Sunday morning for his Mother's Day sermon he brought his Bible and a lawyer. John Pavey, Jr. an attorney for the church, says, "Everything's not always clear-cut". At issue, whether Pastor Chandler tried to expel nine members who didn't publicly announce their support for Bush. Also, an audio tape that surfaced in the media of a sermon last fall when Pastor Chandler told John Kerry supporters to repent or resign. "I don't think that's the entire tape- and ill just leave it at that", says Pavey. About 70 people went to East Waynesville Baptist Church Sunday morning. Churchgoers dodged all the media attention, singing and saying 'God bless you'. Those who claim they were kicked out, told not to talk to us by their lawyers. But just about anywhere else there was no shortage of opinion. Most people we talked with agree, the pastor should be more concerned with who brings their Bible, not their voter registration card. Emily Davis, says, "I think its a shame. People have been asked to leave the church that they've attended all their lives because of their political beliefs", "Whether they vote for Kerry, Bush, are republican or democrat, it doesn't change the fact their Christians", says Chad Piurowski. The state democratic party also weighing in on the issue, raising legal questions in a statement on its website saying: "One of the bible's most repeated commands is to 'love your neighbor.' if these reports are true, this minister is not only acting extremely inappropriately by injecting partisan politics into a house of worship, but he is also potentially breaking the law and threatening the church's.....non-profit status". Still, Pastor Chandler's attorney insists, those who claim they were ousted are lying. Pavey says, "No one has been removed from the membership of this church for political reasons, no one, and that is a true and accurate statement". Monday, the reported ousted members will meet with their attorneys to figure out where to go from here. As for Pastor Chandler, his lawyer says the next time we hear from him will likely be from a Christian media outlet.

May 8, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

Politics and the pulpit. A Carolina preacher's ultimatum to support President Bush draws fire on the church. The church's pastor now trying to throw water on the flames, claiming, he never told nine people to leave because they voted for former presidential candidate John Kerry. The national controversy started in Waynesville, North Carolina, a little west of Asheville. The pastor is Chan Chandler and Sunday morning for his Mother's Day sermon he brought his Bible and a lawyer. John Pavey, Jr. an attorney for the church, says, "Everything's not always clear-cut". At issue, whether Pastor Chandler tried to expel nine members who didn't publicly announce their support for Bush. Also, an audio tape that surfaced in the media of a sermon last fall when Pastor Chandler told John Kerry supporters to repent or resign. "I don't think that's the entire tape- and ill just leave it at that", says Pavey. About 70 people went to East Waynesville Baptist Church Sunday morning. Churchgoers dodged all the media attention, singing and saying 'God bless you'. Those who claim they were kicked out, told not to talk to us by their lawyers. But just about anywhere else there was no shortage of opinion. Most people we talked with agree, the pastor should be more concerned with who brings their Bible, not their voter registration card. Emily Davis, says, "I think its a shame. People have been asked to leave the church that they've attended all their lives because of their political beliefs" "Whether they vote for Kerry, Bush, are republican or democrat, it doesn't change the fact their Christians", says Chad Piurowski. The state democratic party also weighing in on the issue, raising legal questions in a statement on its website saying: "One of the bible's

most repeated commands is to 'love your neighbor.' if these reports are true, this minister is not only acting extremely inappropriately by injecting partisan politics into a house of worship, but he is also potentially breaking the law and threatening the church's....non-profit status". Still, Pastor Chandler's attorney insists, those who claim they were ousted are lying. Pavey says, "No one has been removed from the membership of this church for political reasons, no one, and that is a true and accurate statement". Monday, the reported ousted members will meet with their attorneys to figure out where to go from here. As for Pastor Chandler, his lawyer says the next time we hear from him will likely be from a Christian media outlet.

May 17, 2005

10:00pm

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DESCRIPTION:

To thank all peace officers for putting their lives on the line everyday to save the lives of others, The Blood Connection together with law enforcement organizations will host the fourth annual Code 10-33 - Units Needed Quickly blood drive May 16 - 18. "This is an appropriate way to pay tribute to those who serve, protect, and care for you on a daily basis," said Lt. Mike Gambrell, Greenville City Police Department. "It is an opportunity for upstate law enforcement to work together during National Peace Officer Memorial Week to honor those who have paid the ultimate price," added Gambrell. Blood drive schedule: May 16 Travelers Rest Police Dept. 6711 State Park Road 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; May 16 Greenwood Police Dept. 520 Monument Street 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; May 16 Greenville County Govt. 301 University Ridge 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; May 17 Pickens Co. LEC 216 LEC Road 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.; May 17 Greenville Co. LEC 4 McGee Street 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; May 17 Greenville Detention Ctr. 4 McGee Street 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.; May 17 Abbeville Abbeville Town Square 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.; May 18 Simpsonville Wal-Mart 3950 Grandview Dr. 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; May 18 Oconee Co. LEC 300 S. Church Street, Walhalla 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; May 18 Clinton Bi-Lo 927 S. Broad Street, Clinton 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; May 18 Laurens Wal-Mart 917 E. Main Street 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; May 18 Saluda American Legion 108 S. Rudolph Street 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.; May 18 Greer Police Dept. 106 S. Main Street 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.;

People also can donate at The Blood Connection Donation Centers: Greenville 515 Grove Road 864-255-5000; **Greenwood** 1224 Sprint Street 864-227-8333; **Easley** 1954 East Main Street 864-644-0030; **Seneca** 1308 Sandifer Boulevard 864-882-8364; Code 10-33 was organized following the death of Trooper Eric F. Nicholson. Trooper Nicholson gave blood twice the day he died - the first time saving the lives of others as a blood donor, then two hours later when he lost his own life after being shot in the line of duty. "I invite everyone to join us and donate blood as their way of saying "thank you" to all law enforcement officers in the upstate for protecting our lives everyday," said Misty Nicholson.; Trooper Nicholson's widow and honorary chair of Code 10-33.; Each year more than four million American lives are saved due to blood transfusions. Each donation gives up to three people a fighting chance. It's that simple. It's that important. The goal of Code 10-33 is to collect 1,033 blood units, which will give up to 3,099 people a fighting chance at life. Code 10-33 was selected as the theme because it is call sign law enforcement uses to request "patrol" units needed quickly. Founded in 1979, The Blood Connection is the largest non-profit, community blood center in upstate South Carolina. It provides 100% of the volunteer blood supply to all hospitals in Greenville, Greenwood, Pickens, Oconee, Abbeville, Laurens, Newberry Counties in SC, and Stephens County in GA. The Blood Connection has centers in four upstate counties and averages five blood drives every day collecting over 70,000 blood units each year. It serves as the connection between volunteer blood donors, hospitals and patients needing life-saving transfusions. The Blood Connection is licensed and regulated by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

May 18, 2005

10:00pm

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DESCRIPTION:

Starting Friday, one of the toughest cycling events in the United States will begin. For 30 years, the "Assault on Mount Mitchell" has been testing the riders' strength and endurance. But this year, the riders will face a bigger challenge - they will bike a more difficult route with plenty of hills. Leaving downtown Spartanburg and pedaling to Mount Mitchell, N.C., the highest peak east of the Mississippi, at 6,684 feet, riders from more than 40 states will set out to complete the 117-mile Assault. The ride begins at 6:30 a.m. at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium "This is the biggest ride in the southeast," said Steve Yetman, a co-director of this year's Assault. "It's been rated as one of the top 10 hardest one-day rides, and this year, with changes to the route, it is longer and tougher." "There's no let up," Yetman said. "But it will be more scenic, as it takes you past Lake Lure and Chimney Rock." As for the new route, planners say it will be for the better. "Initially, the new route was developed to compensate for bridge repairs, but it turns out that turning on to Parris Bridge Road is a better route," said Mike Bonner, a co-director for the ride. Other ride considerations: • To keep riders safe, a police escort will accompany riders from the auditorium and continue with them to Parris Bridge Road in Boiling Springs. • Riders will have 12 hours to complete the ride to Mount Mitchell. • Riders who do not reach the Folk Art Center by 3 p.m. will not be allowed to continue. • Riders will not be

allowed to pass the lead cop who will take them through downtown Spartanburg to Parris Bridge Road. • Riders who cross over the double yellow line on the roadway or are caught passing stopped school buses are subject to a ticket and fine. • Because of limited space, riders at the top of Mount Mitchell are urged to board the buses as quickly as possible for the return trip to the Folk Art Center.

May 31, 2005

10:00pm

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DESCRIPTION:

For most people Memorial Day weekend means backyard cookouts with your friends and family. But for one Spartanburg family, it reminds them not only of a loved one lost but many unanswered questions. Donna Bell wants to know who killed her twenty-six year old nephew Donnie Bell almost two years ago today. It happened early in the morning around 2:30 on Memorial Day. Donnie was driving his Harley when a car slammed into him on Highway 221 leaving him to die at the side of the road. His aunt, Donna Bell says, "Every time I see a motorcycle or a Harley, I think of Donnie." She says the death hits Donnie's three sons the hardest. She believes finding who killed him is the only way they can all finally heal. "They cry they can't understand that their dad is gone. All holidays are very sad for us. Christmas time, people say it gets easier but it hasn't yet, every day we deal with it." And although she knows nothing can bring Donnie back, she still prays every day that who whoever hit him will come forward. "Just let us know cause it could happen to them or one of their family members, how would they feel?" Donna says she'll never give up until his killer is found no matter how long it takes. She urges everyone to remember how deadly the roads can be this weekend. "Please be safe especially on motorcycles, what happen to Donnie could happen to them." She takes comfort knowing that even in death Donnie is doing what he loves best. "He's riding in heaven on a motorcycle, I'm sure." Investigators are still looking for a 1988 Blue Oldsmobile they believe hit Donnie. Anyone with any information should call South Carolina Highway Patrol at 803-896-7920. The family is also offering a reward.

June 8, 2005

10:00pm

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DESCRIPTION:

The food is being prepared and counselors are cleaning-up the camp site. 25-year-old Nick Rothenberger is mentally disabled. He started coming to Camp Spearhead several years ago. "I can't wait to see some of my friends. I haven't seen them in a long time," said Rothenberger. He says summer is his favorite time of the year. "Talent show, swimming and we eat a lot here," commented Rothenberger. The campsite has beautiful waterfalls, a miniature golf course and a carnival site. However, it's old and some areas are deteriorating because of money problems. There aren't any animals this year and a dispute over a lease between the Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board and the Greenville Civitan Club almost closed the camp. Leonard Rothenberger, Nick's father says he's glad that didn't happen. "We were very concerned because this was kind of dead-locked and it seemed like that pad lock was put on the camp," said Rothenberger. The dispute is being worked out for now and there is a task force meeting to discuss building a new camp just six miles away from Camp Spearhead at Pleasant Ridge Park. "They're working hard in developing a plan and a strategy because we will need to raise money like we've never had to raise it before," said Randy Murr. Randy Murr is the Therapeutics Manager for the Greenville County Recreation District. He says there is still a lot that needs to be done, but the first and most important goal is to have the camp-site ready this year for campers. "They come here because of friendships they've built, not only between camper to camper but with counselors," said Murr. Counselors are expecting 70 campers for the next eight weeks. No word yet on when or if the proposal for a new site will be approved.

June 9, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The Salvation Army is asking the public to help donate hygiene items for women and children living in the shelters. Please help those less fortunate by donating any of the following items: Soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, diapers (all sizes) and feminine products. Items may be dropped off to Pamela Garcia

at the Administration Building at 417 Rutherford Street in Greenville. For any questions, please contact Ms. Garcia at 235-4803 ext. 17

June 10, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

An Upstate group has started a new project to help the youngest victims of meth. When methamphetamine labs are busted, children are often found living in the home. Now, the Woodruff Road Exchange Club wants to help those kids. The group is filling backpacks and diaper bags with personal items for the children. The bags will be given to them by Greenville County Deputies or social services workers when they are removed from the home. Because meth-making materials are so toxic, the children are not allowed to take their personal belongings. The Woodruff Road Exchange Club is requesting community support for the project. Anyone interested can call the club president, Doris Ash at (864) 289-9369. Here is a list of the items needed: *Backpacks; *Diaper Bags and Diaper Bags; *Flip-flops; *Change of clothes for all ages, boys and girls; *Baby items; *Books for all ages, paperback if possible; *Small games

June 14, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

It is a perennial favorite. Flowers in all shades: orange, purple, pink and yellow are in bloom. Twenty thousand visitors will make their way to Greenwood this weekend for the 38th Annual South Carolina Festival of Flowers. The city is rolling out the green carpet for the event. Park Seed Company's gardens will be open to the public, along with city gardens, and gardens at private homes. Organizers are inviting nature lovers and others to see the beautiful displays first-hand. Frank Cuda, the Director of the SC Festival of Flowers said, "It's an exciting time for us and we're very excited for the visitors to come to town." Flowers may be the centerpiece of the festival, but several other events are planned as well. Live performances are scheduled and will feature show tunes, bluegrass, and jazz music. An art show will be held at Greenwood High School and a bicycle tour will roll through Greenwood County. Cuda said, "There's enough for everybody, there's something for everyone at our festival, believe me."

"South Carolina Festival of Flowers"
Festivities

June 17, 2005

- *12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. - Craft, Art and Photo Show, @ Greenwood High School,
- *7:00 p.m. Uptown Jazz concert, located in Uptown Greenwood
- *9:00 p.m. Festival Beach Dance, @ civic center.

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- *8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Park Seed Flower Day, Greenwood Co.
- *8:00 a.m. bicycle tour of Greenwood County
- *10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Craft, Art, & Photo Show, @ Greenwood High School
- *10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Garden Tours @ Various locations
- *2:30p.m.-6:00p.m. Bluegrass Festival, @ the fountain, Uptown
- *6:00p.m. Live after 5 Outdoor Concert @ the fountain, Uptown

June 19, 2005

Father's Day

- *12:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. Craft, Art & Photo show, Greenwood High School
- *1:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Garden tours @ various locations

June 13, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

The Greenville Grrrowl are offering the first-ever GRRROWL YOUTH HOCKEY CAMP, to take place at the BI-LO Center July 13-17. Children ranging from the house-league level to travel-team players will participate in the camp, which will be run by Greenville Head Coach JOHN MARKS and General Manager RYAN STEWART. "The Grrrowl organization is excited about the youth hockey camp," said Greenville General Manager Ryan Stewart. "The grass roots of hockey is starting to grow in the South, and it's exciting for us to be a part of it. The game of hockey is contagious. John and I would like to offer these kids a unique perspective to the sport. We want to teach them the skills and principles of hockey, while giving them the ultimate Greenville Grrrowl experience." That experience will include the opportunity for players to dress in the official Grrrowl locker rooms, sit on the Grrrowl player benches, and climb over the boards onto the 200 x 85-foot BI-LO Center ice-surface. The Grrrowl Youth Hockey Camp will be the largest hockey camp ever held in Greenville. A total of 55 players have already signed up, leaving only a few remaining spots. The camp will be split into two groups of players: House-league players and Travel-league players. The house-league players will skate from 9 a.m. till 12 p.m., while the travel-league players will hit the ice from 1-4 p.m. Grrrowl Youth Hockey Camp jerseys, sponsored by Piedmont Neurosurgical Group, Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Club, and Certified Indoor Air, will be provided for every player.

June 18, 2005

10:00pm

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DESCRIPTION:

More than eight thousand viewers called in to win the AHO Dream Home Giveaway, but only one could win. Of those eight thousand callers, only eighty received a key that could unlock the door to the home of their dreams, a beautiful six bedroom home built by AHO. The turn of a single brass door knob could change the future for the 250 people who came today to the AHO Homes Westwood Point Subdivision from all the upstate and even the world. Contestant Papa Dipo says he came here all the way from South Africa. "It's a good hope to get a house, that's the American dream, right? " And although everybody wanted the home, only one man, David Myers held the key that would unlock the door to the home of everyone's dream. Myers says, "I'm just overwhelmed I can't believe it." Keys that didn't unlock the door to the home weren't completely useless. Other keys unlocked doors to prizes ranging from two thousand dollars worth of home appliances to a 42 inch plasma screen TV to a riding lawn mower. Myers entered the contest on a whim but says he had a good feeling. Although he'll be living in the house alone, he jokes that it may not be for long. AHO says Myers can live in either in Anderson, Simpsonville, or Greer. Right now he says he's leaning towards Greer because it's closer to where's he's from - Batcave, North Carolina.

June 20, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

There are new appliances in the kitchen and the bedrooms are just about finished. The new home built for abused and neglected children on the Calvary Home for Children Campus in Anderson is now open. Not only does the space provide shelter, but some say it will also provide a lot of love. Wesley White is a former foster child. "It provided some stability that I didn't have to worry about if I was going to see the rest of my family," said White. At 11 years-old he remembers moving into a home with strangers. Those strangers became his new parents and it was one of the most difficult transitions in his life. "I've heard stories of how people have had just multiple foster homes and just moving one place to another," commented White. However, he was lucky because his new parents also adopted four of his other siblings and allowed him to keep in touch with his four other sisters and brothers. That's what new foster parents of the White Cottage hope to provide too. The 6,000 sq. ft. home is equipped with a study room, spacious bedrooms, a kitchen and a den. "It gives us greater flexibility than ever before to minister and reach out to hurting kids all over the area," commented Rick Kirby, Executive Director for Calvary Home for Children. It's a new place where strangers become family. "We're able to keep children together in one of the greatest crisis of their lives," said Kirby. The White Cottage is named after Wesley's parents, a family known for adopting children. The house is big enough for 12 children and a new family is expected to move-in in August.

June 25, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A soldier enlisted in the U.S. ARMY for nearly 10 years says he is being wronged by the same country he went to battle for. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola spoke exclusively with the soldier who says he has run out of options and turned to us for help. The reservist we're talking about signed up at a recruiting station in Anderson. Recruiting stations are where would-be servicemen and women are pitched a deal to join the military, then sign the dotted line to serve a certain amount of years. SPC Robert Morris says, "And to me, it's like a two way street in any situation. If you are asking me to fulfill my obligation, you should fulfill yours." This is round two for Robert Morris. He has already served in Romania, for Operation: Enduring Freedom. We just happened to be with him last year when he re-enlisted for another tour of reserve duty in June. The deal he signed: four more years, with a sign-on bonus worth \$5,000 and college benefits. More than a year later, he has not gotten either. "At this time, that is worth a lot. I am about to be laid off from my current job. I am a single father with a young son; I mean I need a bonus. A bonus is a bonus for me and chances to make sure all my bills are taken care of," says Robert. First, there was a dispute in Robert's contract. He was actually never supposed to get the bonus the ARMY offered him. Then Rob called his congressman for some help in March. Letters from the ARMY to the Congressman acknowledge the mistake and re-promised Robert the incentives he originally signed on for. Robert says, "If I don't fulfill my end of the bargain, I can be forced to repay any benefit I received, and student loans, and be removed from military service just for failure to meet standards." We contacted the ARMY and are waiting for our calls to be returned.

June 26, 2005

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

DESCRIPTION:

A Greer couple says a City Police Officer isn't using his job to enforce the law, instead, he's using his authority to push his religion. The couple says they didn't think much of why they were being stopped by the police, that is until the officer made a comment about their bumper sticker and questioned their beliefs. But it was a letter sent to their home that they say pushed the role of a police officer over the line. According to Greer City Police Lt. Cris Varner, "The reason they were stopped was the tag was improper on the vehicle." But Greer Police say they are investigating why the tag was run in the first place. Debra and Tony Gainey say it's because of their bumper sticker which reads, "It's A Druid Thing." The Gainey's have the sticker displayed on their car and say it's the reason Greer Police Officer Tony Stewart pulled them over June 10, 2005. According to Debra, "He [Stewart] walked around me and goes and stands next to him and says did those bumper stickers come on the car or did you put them on and I said I put them on and he said do you know what they mean?...So he started talking to me about God and Jesus Christ...I just felt like he was really getting into it, I had never expected to actually follow-up with a letter or anything." But Stewart did, a letter and card were sent to the Gainey residence days later. Debra says, "In this letter, he promises our problems will continue unless we listen to the words of the Baptist...We're feeling like those are threats." Greer Officials say Officer Stewart is an unpaid volunteer at the Police Department, but also say, once in uniform, "When you're working here you're basically a police officer and you have the same rights and privileges as far as arrests and what-not." Still the Gainey's say he doesn't have the right to use his authority to target anyone. "It's just kind of flabbergasting to be told that because it says Druid that we were singled out...I don't think it's a matter of his religion or my religion, it's a matter of violation of our constitution and trying to take that away our freedom that we are guaranteed," says Debra. Greer Police say there is an internal investigation underway. The Gainey's say they simply want an apology and have the police make sure the officers know what their boundaries are when it comes to law enforcement.